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Russian Story Of Nazi Offers Creates Jitters

WASHINGTON—The outstanding feature of the war news this week has been the story, published by Pravda, communist organ in Moscow, that Germany was making approaches for peace to Great Britain. The suggestion was bolstered up by alleged dispatches, from Pravda's correspondent in Cairo, that Ribbentrop had met two British emissaries at an obscure town on the Iberian peninsula, for discussions.

The idea, according to the Pravda story, was that Germany was ready to call quits, that she proposed to retreat behind her prewar frontiers, to give up her colonies, to retire Hitler and the Nazi party, to scrap her fleet, including submarines, but to retain "a limited free hand in the East."

The story was immediately denied officially in London. The denial was accepted by official Russia. But it has left Moscow jittery.

Two Reasons

The best authorities in Great Britain and the United States seem to regard the whole incident as a journalistic coup on the part of Pravda, possibly inspired from German sources, with two possible objectives:

1. To inspire the Allies to hurry up the all-out invasion on the West Coast of Europe. 2. To give warning that Russia means to have a full part in any peace negotiations. It is suggested in some quarters that Stalin and his leaders may not have known of the story previous to publication.

Russian armies have made notable progress at the northern end of their line in the last few days, driving the Germans back on both sides of Leningrad. More than 160 towns were re-captured and at least 20,000 of the enemy killed in the operations. The Leningrad-Novgorod railway line was cut and Soviet troops forced their way across Lake Ilmen. With a new bulge in the German line in the north there is a possibility of another disaster for Hitler's troops in that area.

Bridgeheads Established

In Italy British units of the Fifth Army established bridgeheads across the Bariglionio river at the western end of their line, and are still advancing in that area. The battle for Cassino continued. As a result of Allied air attacks Rome was reported temporarily isolated.

In the Pacific the movement toward the Japanese main base at Truk continues. Navy planes penetrated for the first time within the last few days into the Caroline Islands and bombed shore installations on Kusale Island.

Clean Socks Delivered To Front Line Fighters

WASHINGTON—Clean, dry socks are delivered to American infantrymen fighting in the mud and slush with the Fifth Army in Italy, an Army Ground Forces observer, recently returned, told the War Department this week. The observer, Lt. Col. James I. King of Corydon, Ind., said that next to food and ammunition the issuance of clean socks is of major importance.

"The mud, cold and rain have been nearly as persistent a foe of American troops in Italy as the enemy," Colonel King related. "When a soldier spends days on end crawling, climbing, fighting through mud and more mud, clean dry socks are like a gift from heaven."

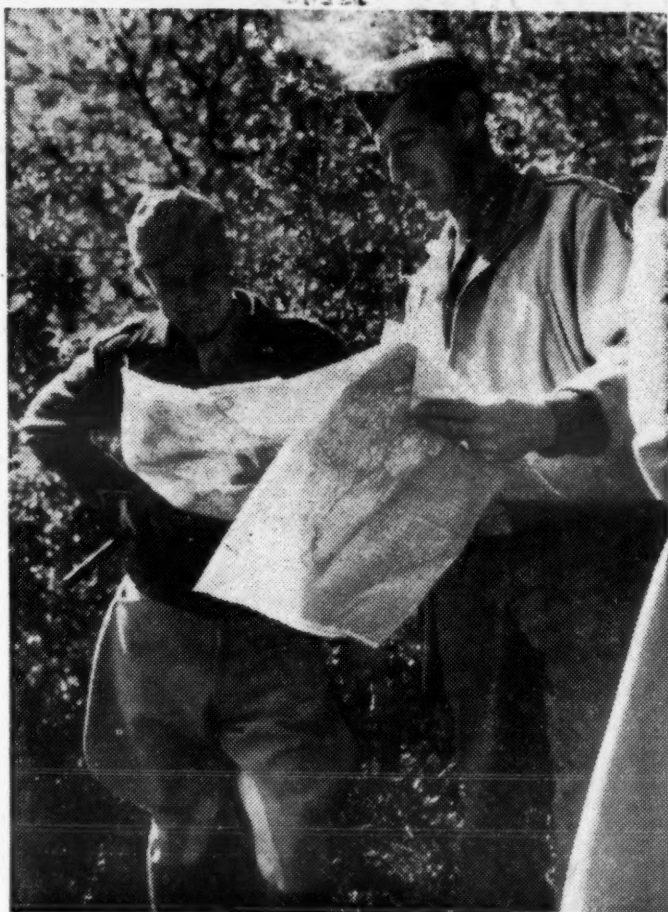
Colonel King said members of the 36th Division are receiving clean socks at the front lines in exchange for their wet ones, which are sent back to laundries behind the lines to be laundered and sorted, according to size, for reissue.

Self-Heating Soup Latest GI Ration

LONDON—There may be some question among GIs as to whether dehydrated vegetables are either an improvement or a luxury, but they're sure to welcome self-heating soup.

Such a soup was exhibited at the British Ministry of Food last week. Lighting a fuse running through the center of an ordinary can of soup, the demonstrator had it ready to serve in four minutes.

Uncle Sam has ordered 1,000,000 cans for troops stationed in cold areas to use when it is impossible or dangerous to build a fire.



GEN. DWIGHT D. Eisenhower, Supreme Commander, Allied Forces in the United Kingdom for the Liberation of Occupied Europe, as he conferred with Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark in Italy, prior to taking his new command. General Eisenhower now is at headquarters, European Theatre of Operations.

—Signal Corps Photo.

Stimson Says Soldiers Want 'Civilian Draft'

WASHINGTON—The men in the Army, seeing the country "divided into two entirely distinct classes," advocate passage of a National Service Act which would provide a means of "drafting" civilians for war service, Secretary of War Stimson assured the Senate Military Affairs Committee this week.

"I can tell you," Mr. Stimson said, "... that industrial unrest and lack of a sense of patriotic responsibility ... have aroused a strong feeling of resentment and injustice among the men of the armed forces.

May Affect Morale

"If it continues longer, it will surely affect the morale of the Army."

Pointing out that servicemen have been drafted into facing a duty which they cannot escape and which involves the possibility of death or mutilation, while the remaining men of the nation are permitted to leave the most important war jobs without regard to the need of their country, the War Secretary said that the men in the armed forces are beginning to believe that they are being discriminated against.

"Certainly the nation has no less right to require a man to make weapons than it has to require another man to fight with those weapons," he said.

Mr. Stimson blamed current unrest upon the failure of the nation to develop a sense of responsibility in its citizens. "What we must do is to get at this underlying cause and by proper organization bring home to each of these men the fact that they owe a patriotic duty to the particular job on which they are engaged comparable to that which the infantryman owes to his rifle, or the artilleryman to his gun, or the pilot to his plane."

Future Conflict Seen

If the resentment of servicemen is not counteracted now, Mr. Stimson foresees possible future conflict between veterans and non-veterans when the war is over.

"The voices of these soldiers speak out clearly today in demanding that all Americans accept the same liability which a soldier must accept for service to country. They are far away now, but some day they will return. I hope they will come back

eagerly, feeling that the hardships and the sacrifice have been worthwhile. I hope they may feel that those who will never come back have not made their sacrifice in vain."

He said that he believed a National Service Law would produce the following results:

1. It will minimize the calling of strikes by clarifying the patriotic duty of the individual worker. In the Austin-Wadsworth proposal this moral duty has also behind it the force of appropriate legal sanctions and penalties, Mr. Stimson added.

2. It will remedy the grave sense of injustice which the Armed Forces now feel has been practiced against them.

Improve Production

3. It will point out to civilian war workers that they are working for their country in the civilian ranks and that their responsibility is just as definitely recognized by the nation as that of soldiers on the front. By and large this will tend to powerfully heighten his morale in the winning of the war.

4. It will tend powerfully towards increasing effectiveness in production when the Government itself takes a hand not only in keeping men on necessary jobs but also in finding men for particular jobs where they are especially needed, rather than leaving the choice to chance.

Nazi Bomb Crater To Be RAF Memorial

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A strange, and yet curiously appropriate, memorial to the young men of the RAF who died in the Battle of Britain will be a hole blasted by a Nazi bomb in the wall of the Henry VII Chapel in Westminster Abbey.

As soon as the war is over, the chapel, to be known as the Royal Air Force Chapel, will be completed with a window bearing the armorial badges of the squadrons engaged in the battle and the roll of names of the men in the squadrons. The "hole" will remain just as the Nazis left it.

Mustering-Out Pay Okayed by House; Vote Bill Up in Air

WASHINGTON—You can't count that folding money yet and you can't be sure how much you will count but it won't be long before you will collect mustering-out pay with your discharge papers.

The House okayed, 387-0, a bill providing mustering-out pay of \$300 for men and women honorably discharged from the armed forces after 60 or more days of service. For those in less than 60 days \$100 will accompany their discharge papers.

The Senate was a little more generous in passing a bill recently which called for a sliding scale of discharge pay ranging from \$200 to \$500 depending upon length and place of service. The measure now goes into conference.

Soldier Vote

The House is expected to take up the soldier-vote bill in the near future. The measure it will discuss is the one with strict state control over service voting. The Federal-controlled proposal, which would permit the Army and Navy to distribute ballots, was sidetracked in committee after a bitter fight.

Representative Worley led the fight for the Federal bill supported by Representatives Bonner, Lesinski, Hoch and Hart. It was defeated by the Representative Rankin-led group of Representatives Manasco, Gibson, Vursell, Le Compte, Ellsworth, and Gavin.

Proponents of the Federal plan have not given up hope and are marshalling their forces for a fight on the floor.

The mustering-out pay bill passed by the House carried but two figures, \$300 and \$100, and will be paid regardless of where the service was rendered.

Majors No Dice

Not eligible are veterans whose base pay exceeds \$200 a month (majors would be excluded), those whose service was performed as students, those dishonorably discharged and those released at their own request to obtain private employment. In the latter group are most inductees released after becoming 38.

In amending the measure already passed by the Senate, which provides for payments scaled according

to length and place of service, the House heard favorably the arguments of those who say that the problem of each discharged veteran is the same, no matter how long or where he served. The mustering-out pay is intended to tide the veteran over only until he gets a job or until he gets whatever disability compensation he has coming.

"Destroy Morale"

When the House Elections Committee decided to follow the Senate's lead in leaving up to the States the question of assuring servicemen an opportunity to vote. It was a heavy blow to proponents of the Federal-controlled plan which is favored by the War and Navy Departments and, according to polls in service newspapers, is overwhelmingly desired by servicemen themselves.

Representative Worley said that the committee's action "means that most of the 11 million in the armed forces will not get to vote in the (See PAY OKAYED, Page 12)

Knox Says Every Boy Should Have Military Training

CLEVELAND—One year's military training "for every boy when he attains the age of 17 or 18," was advocated by Secretary of the Navy Knox, last week in speaking at the annual dinner of the Cleveland Boy Scout Council.

"There is no safety in unpreparedness," the Secretary said. "The folly of the theory that we are more likely to resort to war or become involved in a war, because we are reasonably prepared against the danger of war, has been made so plain that few will be found to deny it."

Mr. Knox cited 25 per cent rejections by the Marine Corps for physical reasons in asserting that in the future "we must spend more time, thought and money in improving the physical qualities of our people." He suggested that the present training camps, with adequate buildings and equipment, might well be used for the training of the nation's young men.

Generals' Wives Eat Donuts To Launch War Bond Drive

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Biting their way through innumerable doughnuts, Mrs. George C. Marshall, wife of the Chief of Staff, and Mrs. Mark Clark, wife of the commanding general of the Fifth Army in Italy, opened the Fourth War Loan drive in New York City.

They had purchased the doughnuts from a huge "donutmobile" on Sixth Avenue, which later will tour the country selling bonds. Two dollars in war stamps bought a large box of the doughnuts for each lady. When they had bitten into so many doughnuts while posing for photographers that they couldn't swallow any more, they turned to talking to reporters at a press conference.

Although this is Mrs. Marshall's first bond campaign, Mrs. Clark is a veteran of nine months of barnstorming so it was she who took the stand to give a sales talk which will certainly clinch many bond sales.

First she told of an American soldier in Italy who volunteered to destroy a machine-gun nest. Completing this mission successfully, he spotted another and, making an open target of himself, threw a hand grenade. Advancing American troops that night found his body, and knew

that he had added "his 90 per cent to his 10 per cent investment in America that way."

\$5000 Hug

Mrs. Clark also recounted a story of bond selling in the middle West. A farmer came up to her and said, rolling his eyes, "I'll buy a \$5,000 bond if you'll give me a kiss." The general's wife thought she'd go him one better and replied, "If you'll buy a \$10,000 bond, I'll give you a kiss and throw in a hug to boot." The farmer was no piker—he wrote a check for the 10 grand and collected the hug and kiss in full view of a large audience.

Mrs. Marshall had no previous bond-selling experience, but nevertheless came through with an idea that was strictly on the beam: the Grandmothers' War Bond League. Talking with pride of her two sons fighting overseas, she told how she'd started a war stamp book for each of her three "war baby" grandchildren. "And wouldn't it," she asked, "Be a good idea if all grandmothers followed suit?" So appealing was her suggestion that most of the grandmothers at the rally complied with it.

A final send-off was the reading of Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau's telegram:

"The whole country and a large portion of the world will be watching this exhibition of home-front unity, which will be a stirring answer to Axis propaganda charges of waning civilian morale."

Copies of the Army Times are made available to all Army hospitals through the American Red Cross.

In the Jungle the Man With the Rifle Is Tops

WASHINGTON — Sensational, unorthodox battle tactics of the Japanese are proving inadequate and futile against the time-tested strategy employed by American commanders in the jungle warfare of the Pacific Theater.

That is the conclusion of military observers who have watched the 37th Infantry (Buckeye) Division in action on Bougainville Island in the Solomons, the War Department reported this week.

The outlandish guerilla tactics of the Japanese are sometimes demoralizing, and their snipers do take a toll, but it is the opinion of those who have compared their methods with those of the Americans that "when the cards are on the table, it is the inexorable advance of the rifleman, supported by artillery, that pays greatest dividends in ground gained and held."

Disastrous Effects

The previously proved fundamentals of ground warfare were used with disastrous effects on the Jap during the New Georgia campaign, in which the supremely important Munda airfield was captured by United States troops, and their soundness is being corroborated in the fighting on Bougainville.

Never in the fighting in the Solomons, students of current jungle warfare point out, have the Japs organized and carried through a concerted attack such as that pressed by two American Army divisions in the push to Munda.

On the contrary, enemy tactics apparently lack the careful preparation of American maneuvers, and are further handicapped by a lack of mechanical equipment in any great quantity.

Army tacticians readily admit to the skill of the Jap in throwing up strong defensive positions, constructing deadly pill boxes and foxholes of whatever material is immediately at hand. But on the offensive, he is more apt to stage a wild, suicide rush in inadequate strength than to map out and attempt to execute a sustained drive. Such tactics have resulted in tremendously heavy casualties.

An example of such a type of action was seen on Bougainville last Nov. 7, when the enemy landed a force estimated at 500 on the north-west coast of the island, about 30 miles north of the American beachhead. Simultaneously, a force estimated at two battalions was moving north from Jap positions to the south. The northern force was virtually annihilated by artillery and mortar fire and the few survivors were taken prisoner by American patrols.

1,149 Dead Japs

A furious artillery barrage also was concentrated on the southern force of the enemy after it was detected. The following day, the bodies of 1,149 Japanese were found by our patrols.

The infantry-artillery combat team is considered to have no peer in jungle combat. The man with the rifle is deemed the most potent force in the tangled jungles, and when he

uncovers an enemy bivouac area or a numerically superior concentration of the enemy, he calls upon the artillery to plaster the target with 105 and 155 mm. shells.

Moreover, the infantry has its own integral artillery for close-in support. It includes 81 and 60 mm. mortars, 37 mm. antitank guns which

also are used with devastating effect on stubborn pill boxes, and some 75 mm. field pieces.

Consequently, qualified observers agree, the pattern of victory in land fighting in the South Pacific remains in the sweating, grimy hands of the doughboy who walks and crawls his way into battle.



NEW COMBAT BOOT, a boon to infantrymen who have been struggling with shoe and legging combinations, is modeled by Miss Grace Reiley, employee of the QM in Washington, D. C. The boot has undergone extensive testing on maneuvers here and in actual combat in North Africa and the Southwest Pacific. —War Times Photo.

\$30,000,000 of GI Pay Goes Back Into Bonds Each Month

WASHINGTON—Soldier war bond purchasers are setting aside approximately \$30,000,000 a month from their pay to help buy the arms they are using with such devastating effect against the enemy, the War Department announced this week.

One out of every three Army men and women is investing in war bonds, according to the Army War Bonds Office of the Army Service Forces at Chicago. Between April 1 and Nov. 30, 1943, they invested \$197,086,568.

An estimated 1,005,505 bonds were issued in December, the bond headquarters announced, and a new peak is expected to be reached in January, with the issue of some 1,520,714 bonds to Army investors.

A large majority of the Army investments are of small denominations. During November, 40 per cent

of those investing in war bonds set aside \$3.75 each from their monthly pay. Purchasers in this group will receive a \$25 bond every five months. Another 26 per cent allocate \$6.25 each per month, and receive a \$25 every three months. Slightly more than 6 per cent allot \$12.50 monthly for \$50 bond every three months.

In terms of the total amount of money invested by purchasers, the most important single bond-buying plan is that under which the soldier, WAC or Army Nurse allots \$18.75 per month from his or her pay for a \$25 bond. More than a fifth of all Army investors favor this plan, it was announced, and those in this category invested a total of \$11,485,452 in war bonds during November.

Six per cent of all Army investors set aside monthly sums ranging from \$27.50 to \$375, it was disclosed.

Col. F. McCarthy Is Secretary Of War Dept. General Staff

WASHINGTON — Col. Frank McCarthy, GSC, took over duties this week as Secretary of the War Department General Staff, succeeding Col. William T. Sexton, GSC, who has been given an undisclosed assignment, the War Department announced. Colonel McCarthy not only is the youngest officer, but also the first reserve officer to receive this appointment. He has served as Assistant Secretary since June, 1941.

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Search parties of soldiers and neighbors looked for the lad with flashlights all through the night, after word of his disappearance came about three p. m. Sunday. He was found about 6 a. m. Monday, apparently no worse for his long wandering in the snow.

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Secret of Jet Plane Kept for 2½ Years

WASHINGTON—The two and one half year period of designing, constructing and flight testing of the Army Air Forces' new jet propulsion plane was pointed to this week by the War Department as a striking illustration in a free country of the safeguarding of security by press, civilians and the military.

The period of secrecy cloaking the plane extended from July, 1941, to Jan. 6, 1944, during which time it was never the subject of public comment or speculation.

Many Knew Secret

Throughout the more than two years, executives and many workers of the General Electric Company and of Bell Aircraft Corporation, and military personnel in Washington, D. C., at Wright Field, Ohio, and other points had knowledge of the jet propulsion plane.

A number of newspaper, magazine and trade paper writers and executives also are known to have come into information concerning the plane.

It was due to the sound security judgment of all of these individuals that when the formal announcement of the jet propulsion plane's successful development was announced it came as a surprise to the nation at large.

The enemy probably also was unaware of the extent to which jet propulsion development had been carried by the United States, a fact attributed directly to the upholding of security by individuals involved.

The story of the secrecy surrounding the plane's development is not without drama. It was constructed at a secret plant on one seaboard, transported across the country, and tested on another seaboard.

No Official Name

The plane is still without an official public designation, but during the years of development it has been known variously as "Putt-Putt," "Squirt," "Hush-Hush," "Siberia," and "Super Secret."

At one time, the hanger concealing the plane produced a rumor that it housed a project involving a major improvement in the sewing machine and that it soon would be announced.

The prime difference in the outward appearance of the jet propulsion plane in contrast with others is that it does not have a propeller. Once when the plane was transported by truck from one testing site to another a dummy wooden propeller was attached, successfully cloaking its identity.

When the first ship was ready for shipment across the continent for testing it was disassembled by Bell Aircraft and crated in a single box. Military personnel, living aboard a caboose, escorted the craft. The plane and its engines have been protected always by a 24-hour guard system.

In later months, after the plane had been flown many times and its

existence became more widely known, its security status was never violated by those entrusted with its development.

Details Still Hush-Hush

Thus, the plane earns its title as one of the war's best kept secrets, due to the voluntary cooperation of the many individuals responsible for the plane's development and construction.

It is to be emphasized that many details of the plane still are a secret which the War Department expects all individuals to uphold.

Col. Bibb Leaves for Undisclosed New Duty

CAMP CHAFFEE, Ark.—Lt. Col. Harold S. Bibb, commanding officer of the 26th Tank Battalion, 16th Armored Division, left Camp Chaffee for Washington, D. C., where he will receive his assignment for further extended duty, the contents of which are at present undisclosed.

Colonel Bibb, since his call to active duty, has served with the 8th Cavalry, Fort Bliss, Texas; First Armored Regiment, Fort Knox, Ky.; Special Staff, Third Army, and with the tank unit at Camp Chaffee.

Prior to his duty with the 16th Armored Division, Colonel Bibb was assigned as aide de camp to Maj. Gen. Charles L. Scott, commanding general, Armored Command, in which capacity he served 18 months. It was during this period with General Scott that Colonel Bibb spent five months overseas witnessing the Tunisian campaign as an official observer for the Armored Command.



WAC CPL. Edith Shapiro of Camp Blanding's Subsistence Branch, Army Service Forces, learns from M/Sgt. Ray W. Middleton, who operates the camp bakery, the Army's method of testing its home-made bread. Crushed together as in Sergeant Middleton's hands, the bread opens back to normal if properly baked and of the right texture.

—Signal Corps Photo.

Army Camps to Become Hospitals, Somervell Says

WASHINGTON — Several of the United States Army camps vacated by troops sent overseas will be turned over to the Veterans' Administration for use as hospitals, it was announced by Lt. Gen. Brehen B. Somervell, head of the Army Service Forces.

The idea has been approved by Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines, chief of the Veterans Administration and Maj. Gen. Norman T. Kirk, Surgeon General of the Army.

Sending Him Home Is Getting Monotonous

FORT DOUGLAS, Utah—Nineteen years ago at the Presidio of San Francisco, clerk Ira Smith wrote the transportation request for Sergeant Solomon Schneider, who had retired from the Army and was returning to his home.

On January 1, at Fort Douglas, Utah, chief clerk Ira Smith of the Ninth Service Command transportation branch wrote a transportation request for M/Sgt. Solomon Schneider, who has been retired from active service and is returning to his home.

The press of war had put the army-wise sergeant back into the service, so it was the same Ira Smith and Solomon Schneider. Clerk Smith was moved to remark: "For crimony sakes, Schneider, stay put I'm trying to get you home."

The Wrong Address?

CAMP BLANDING, Fla.—The mail orderly of the Infantry Replacement Training Center's 202nd Battalion swears that at the very bottom of the mail-bag the other day he found a corset—just as sure as his name is Corporal Swiger. Not wrapped, not addressed, not rubber.

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Congress Is Shadow-boxing

We don't pretend to speak for the men in the armed forces—all we do is furnish them the news and report what is going on. When we get on the subject of soldier vote we have little to report. Congress has messed around and shadow-boxed through one election and it looks like they're good for another. If they had shown the same efficiency in fighting the war they would probably be about ready to pull the first draft number out of the fish bowl.

Each Senator and Representative must feel very important as he tosses his weight around on committees and on the floor seeking some sort of a compromise. But time's awastin'. They haven't awakened to the fact that 14 million fighting men and women want to vote either Republican or Democrat next fall.

We've read almost every line in the newspapers and the Congressional Record on states' rights. They may have a point there—but after airing out the pages it smelled very strongly of party politics. By the time the soldiers voted for the President or anyone else under the Senate bill they would resemble a cocoon, completely wound up in red tape. Maybe they intend to call off the war for a few days and give the uniformed lads and lassies a furlough so they can come home and vote in the primaries and general election.

Congress seems to think that as soon as servicemen swapped civies for a uniform they changed their politics and thinking in the same easy motion. Maybe Congress thinks they aren't interested in the home town and state, at least the gents on the Hill don't seem to realize that they want to vote for the sheriff and governor as well as the President.

Maybe our thinking is too simple for Congressional minds but we can't see any reason why an easy voting procedure can't be arranged. All the fighters need to be told is who's running and they can write down their choices and V-mail the list to the home folks, who will see that some politician doesn't get his greedy hands on it.

Did we hear fraud? Politicians—we don't mean statesmen—never trust the opposition, are vaguely suspicious of their friends and doubtful about themselves. They've had to protect themselves by complicated voting procedures so this idea will never be accepted. Besides, it's too simple.

They won't like this idea either... It places too much faith in the fighting members of this Democracy. Why can't a small pamphlet be printed for each of the 48 States—and we mean 48, not 14 or 41—listing the candidates and their qualifications. Mail these pamphlets to the armed forces' installations, both here and overseas, together with simple ballot forms. The boys in the foxholes and the mud of Italy will be glad to study them. When they've made their choices they can mark a ballot, which will be printed when possible, and if not they can write in their choices. The ballots could be mailed home—but why not have them counted overseas and mail the totals to the 48 States?

We can't see a thing complicated in the whole affair but we haven't got a Congressional mind. We are willing to bet the Army could devise a working plan in 48 hours and that the voting would go off as smoothly as a GI pay day.

The newspapers have used a system for tabulating votes on election nights that works. It doesn't involve a great deal of red tape and is reliably accurate. There isn't a soldier, sailor or marine, male or female, who couldn't devise a working plan—but they aren't sweating out an elective office. They're fighting for their nation and the democratic right to vote for the big and little bosses.

'ASTP Men At Stanford Have Outpost of Nations' League

By Sgt. Gaston Valcourt

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Calif.—Last outpost of the League of Nations is to be found on the campus of Stanford University, where a small band of European expatriates, graduates of the Army Specialized Training Program, live in perfect harmony, awaiting army assignments.

Frenchmen and Germans, Poles and Russians, Italians and Austrians have managed to forget traditional national grievances and concentrate their ambitions on a projected visit to the occupied countries, with all expenses paid by Uncle Sam's mammoth travel agency, which makes Thomas Cook's and the American Express seem pale by comparison.

Stanford's coeds have overcome their initial alarm at being addressed by American soldiers with strong German and Italian accents. Now that they have gotten over their impulse to call the FBI, they have welcomed the European contingent with open arms. For, although their accents may be unfamiliar, their war aims are identical with those of their soldier buddies from Oregon to Maine.

It is expected that, because of their familiarity with the languages, conditions and cities of their re-

spective countries, these European soldiers will receive important assignments with the allied commissions of occupied territory.

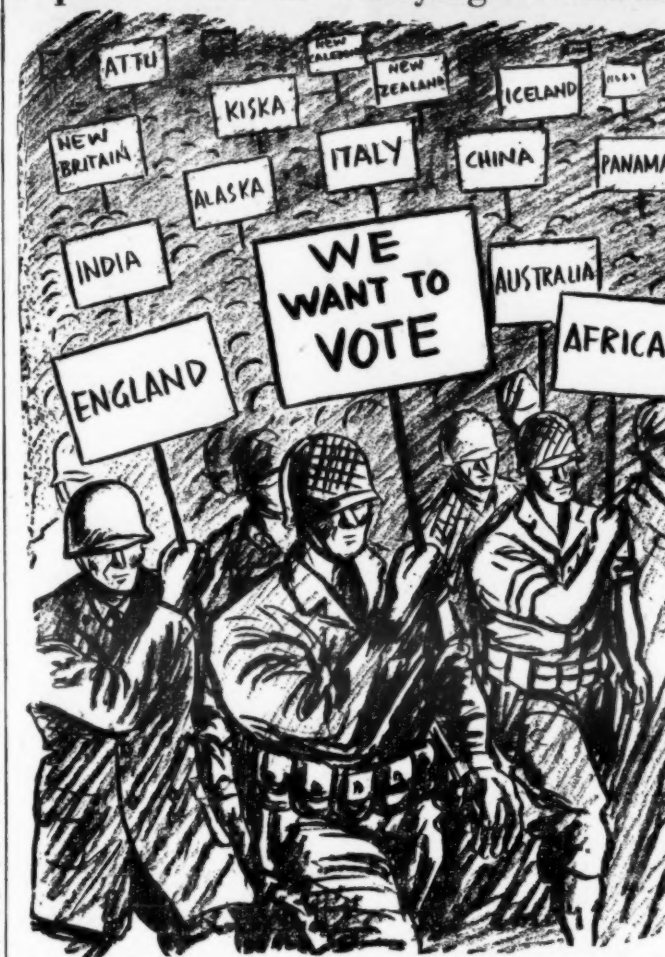
It is not uncommon for an individual in the group to speak a dozen languages fluently. Several are veterans of European armies. One, a former drama critic of an important Budapest daily, has seen active service in the Hungarian, French, and American armies in this war alone.

Eager to help pry open the door to occupied Europe, the expatriate army betrays no homesickness, however. America is their country by adoption, and Uncle Sam guarantees them two-way passage.

A Bit Crowded!

WASHINGTON, D. C.—There are plenty of jokes going the rounds about GI Joe's feeling sorry for the civilians because the Army gets all the meat. But one thing they can't figure out is why the home folks growl about packed street cars and buses. Yanks say that it can't be anything compared to being jammed with 20 other guys in a fox hole built for four!

Reports From the Outlying Precincts



Life In Bougainville

By CAPT. REGINALD S. JACKSON
PRO, Bougainville

WITH THE 37TH ARMY DIVISION IN BOUGAINVILLE—"What I wouldn't give for a big, thick steak with french fries. Oh man."

"Steak nothin'. I want some of my mother's apple pie. You should taste it—ummmmm."

They crouched there in the thick shade of the swampy, steaming jungle, these soldiers on a Bougainville reconnaissance patrol who had spent two days talking about food—talking about it because they had none to eat.

Before the food supply ran out, they had spent eight days in the bush defying death time after time as the trail they followed led by the edge of a cliff which crumbled beneath their footsteps. At last a plane dropped a day's rations and they made their way back to camp, to rest for a while before starting on another reconnaissance mission.

Without A Murmur

So tough they can leave on a suicide mission without a murmur, pausing only to write the letter to be mailed if they don't come back, these firehardened jungle soldiers are grocery clerks, shoe salesmen, tool grinders, students, bus boys, architects, taxi drivers of yesterday's peacetime America.

The Army has welded them—in three years at the most—into a fighting force which is taking the initiative from seasoned Jap troops trained under as rigid a program as was ever devised.

Has the process which has made Johnny Jones a crack soldier made him forget the things he is really fighting for? Or has it toughened up his fighting qualities and high-lighted his love of home?

He's no stone-hearted warrior, even though he has killed Japs all the way from Guadalcanal to Bougainville. He's a sentimentalist. Even though he's seen his buddies picked off right and left in battle, he can still mourn when a stray bomb kills a couple of enlisted men he didn't even know.

He hopes his father and brothers won't have to enter the service because he wants to shoulder the burden for his family. He wants them to keep on in the war industries, even though he can't understand the strikes which break out there. Once upon a time he got fighting mad when he heard of war workers refusing to turn out vital materials during a strike; now he treats it as a grim joke he can't understand.

He is sympathetic with civilians whom he hears are continually beset with all sorts of rationing. He himself does not drink spiritous liquors or beer any more—because he can not get it. He doesn't have affairs

with women because there are no women.

No Women For A Year

His chief recreation is receiving packages and letters from home. Second in his extra-curricular program are the weekly movies. From them he refreshes his memory of the U. S. He is primarily interested in glamor girls so that he won't forget what a woman of his own race looks like—many of the men on Bougainville have not seen a white woman in more than a year.

Concerned though he is with wives unfaithful to overseas husbands, or when he learns that his own sweetheart has married someone else, he's learned to accept the news and blame it on the war.

Of course, he's no superman and he gripes plenty. But, all the same, he realizes that his overseas duty has given him an education that he probably wouldn't have had otherwise. He knows, too, that he's learned to evaluate things at their true worth.

He was a clerk or a laborer, a little guy, yesterday. Today he's a soldier putting up with all sorts of dangers and privations. Tomorrow he's going to win the war and come back to a better world he helped to create.

By
LT. GEN. JOSEPH T. MCNARNEY
Deputy Chief of Staff

In the initial deployment of our troops, we were forced to dispose our forces all over the world. We had to scatter them initially in a plug-the-line effort that further dissipated what was already an over-extended deployment. Today the picture has changed and we have shifted to the offensive.

Our air offensive has materially softened the enemy and has greatly reduced the capacity to resist. It greatly assisted the Russians by forcing the Germans to withdraw a sizeable portion of their air force from the Russian front.

The combined bomber offensive against Germany has forced the Germans to drastically reduce the production of bombers and to concentrate on the production of fighters. To every thoughtful member of the German air force, this step could have but one meaning—that Germany has given up hopes of winning the war and is turning to every effort to keep from losing the war.

Letters

Gentlemen:

We are once again receiving copies of Army Times and wish to express our appreciation to you for your thoughtfulness in sending it to us each week. We find the Times excellent background material and orientation for our staff.

Sgt. Walter Miller
Ft. Benning, Ga.

Gentlemen:

In the Nov. 13th issue of ARMY TIMES I read about a bill being introduced to the House. It read as follows: "All service men over 38 to be discharged from the Army and no more to be drafted over that age."

As I am over 38 I would like to know how I stand. In peace time it is often difficult for a man over 40 to find employment, while at the present time there is employment for all. What happened to the bill? I read Sgt. John Honeycutt's letter in the December 25 issue of your paper and would like to know the answer you gave him.

Cpl. Alfred Gettle
1003 Boat Co.
Tyndall Field, Fla.

(The bill was pigeon-holed and odds are against its appearance on the floor of the House. The Army has found most of you over-38ers extremely valuable. The post-war program of governmental, civic and industrial organizations is being geared and arranged to provide jobs for veterans. Ed.)

Gentlemen:

In listing the various camp and unit newspapers, it seems you have overlooked one that is strictly division, strictly GI, edited by men who were on top of the heap in civilian newspaper work, and typifies the division in its name—Lightning.

Sgt. Preston Williams, Editor
78th Division, Camp Butler, N. C.
(Sgt. Williams typifies the word "Lightning"—ARMY TIMES' story and the sergeant's letter both dated January 15. Ed.)

How Does It Look To You, Soldier?

1. THE NATIONAL SERVICE ACT—The Army favors legislation requested by F. D. R. for reasons given by War Secretary Stimson. (See Page 1). What's your idea on this? Would it prevent strikes, help production, end the war sooner?

2. THE SOLDIER VOTE—You've heard and read lots about this. (See Editorial and Cartoon, page 4, and story on page 1). Are we right? Do you want to vote for everyone or anyone? Any ideas we can pass along to Congress?

3. MUSTERING OUT PAY—Should it be based on length of service, with added pay for overseas or combat duty? What other benefits should be included?

(These topics are presented for discussion groups and bunk fatigue sessions. If you have any ideas or suggestions we'll be glad to have them to pass on. Address—Editor, Army Times, Daily News Bldg., Washington 5, D. C.)

More than 250,000 acres of land in Great Britain are utilized for airfields used by the RAF and the United States' Air Forces.

Guest Editorial We Hold The Initiative



Our equipment losses have been very heavy though our operations thus far have had relatively easy going. Our losses of material during the 37 days of the Sicilian campaign were significant. 46% of all the 57 mm. guns we landed were destroyed; 36% of the motor carriages of our 75's; 22% of the carriages for 105 mm. howitzers and 54% of the carriages for our 37 mm. guns.

We are now rapidly approaching the time when we can come to grips with the enemy in decisive action. By far our greatest asset is that we now hold the initiative. We can strike the enemy when and where we choose.

In all our thinking and planning we have sought to capitalize on our superior equipment and weapons. We are determined to give the American soldier every possible break by arming him with the best, by giving him every possible support in the form of armor, superior planes, better guns, massed fire power and every other conceivable mechanical aid which will increase fighting power and save lives. We will not hesitate to sacrifice equipment, munitions and supplies, if by so doing we will save the lives of American soldiers.

With competent leadership and with fine American soldiers, there is but one other essential item and that is an all-out effort on our production front to give us more weapons and more ammunition and more equipment.

ALL PRESENT OR ACCOUNTED FOR

During a class in First Aid of Ser-
vice Company, 41st Tank Battalion,
10th Armored Division, at **CAMP**
BARKELEY, Calif., T/4 Harry Whitlock de-
veloped a nose bleed which took
some stoppage treatment. The sub-
ject of the lecture at the moment
was "Arterial Bleeding."

While the 609th Field Artillery
Battalion, of **CAMP CARSON**, Col.,
was out in its bivouac area last week,
one of the EMs who had been on
guard duty crept into a tent to
wake his relief. "Hey, get up," he
whispered, shaking the sleeping
man. "It's your turn to walk guard."
After some further persuasion the
figure in the sleeping bag sat up. To
the embarrassment of the EM the
sleeper was the captain.

Most military bands have a brass
section and also wood-wind section,
but the 394th Air Force Band at the
1st Military Police Training Center
Aviation, **CAMP BARKELEY**, Tex.,
has an unusual one—a legal section.
There are five lawyers in this MP
band. Pfc. Ed. Birchby, formerly a
U. S. Commissioner in Wyoming,
tosses a French horn. Pfc. Solomon
Arnovitz, who won cases in Dayton,
O., toys with the cymbals. Pfc. Lester
Sandelman, Pfc. Harry B. Silver and
Pfc. Harold B. White, all former
lawyers, are also on the roster.

Cpl. Theodore Van Dam was born
in, and came from, New York City,
and knows very little about pigs.
Hence he could be forgiven for be-
ing alarmed when he saw six of the
porkers running from his tent in
the **SECOND ARMY MANOEUVRE**
AREA, in Tennessee, with the lead-
ing animal foaming at the mouth.
He broke existing records for the
100-yard dash over rough terrain to
get out of reach, shouting "Mad pig,
Mad pig!" as he galloped. Next
morning, after he had been com-
mended for giving the alarm, he
brought out his shaving outfit, which
he found disarranged, and his tube
of shaving cream licked clean.

Sergeant Hiatt and Corporal Lot-
ter, of **FORT MACARTHUR**, Calif.,
solved a troublesome problem in an
interesting way. It seems that the
pair spotted a two-bit piece while
walking over to the Trona Building,
and both refused to claim it. "Tisn't
mine," barked Hiatt. "Nope, not mine
either," averred the honest corporal.
So, after some discussion it was de-
cided to turn the silver over to the
rightful owner—the Charge of Quar-
ters.

Cpl. Howard Potts left his home
town in Paterson, N. J., in a hurry
last October, so much so that he
didn't complete his appointments
with his local dentist. He was in-
ducted in the Air Force and found
himself at **BAINBRIDGE FIELD**,
Ga., in the Medical Corps. One day
he got the old feeling in the fourth
lower molar and decided to see what
Uncle Sam's dentists could do about
it. When the dentist arrived at the
chair it was Lt. Aaron Markowitz,
his dentist from Paterson, who had
joined the Armed Forces recently.
Potts says he gained one advantage
by waiting. This time the bill is on
Uncle Sam.

A newly-made corporal was doing
all right in drilling a small squad
at **CAMP ROBERTS**, Calif., until he

noted that a whole battalion was
marching diagonally across the pa-
rade ground and would cut him off
from his squad. The corporal gave
the command double-time but failed
to about-face his men and was in
greater difficulty than ever. So he
yelled "Squad Single Time March."

The one thing which grips Cpl.
Chester D. Cole, truck master for
the 844th Battalion's "C" Battery at
CAMP STEWART, Ga., is the 25-
mile speed limit now in force in the
camp's area. In civilian life he was
known as Chet Cole, cyclone of the
midget auto racing world who raced
on midget tracks all over the East,
and built his own midget racer. Chet
says he hopes to be able to really
let-out in a jeep race into Berlin.



"WELL, I'll be (Censored) . . . So this is sunny 'tennessee!"
groans cold, still sleepy and amazed Pvt. David Dugan of
Pittsburgh, after crawling from his pup tent to behold his
helmet and liner—and the world in general, covered with
snow. Dugan, with the "satanic bivouac hair-do," is a
member of an ordnance battalion engaged with Second
Army troops on rugged winter maneuvers in the Tennessee
hills.
—Signal Corps Photo.

Bluejackets Buy Bonds Up to 20% of Pay

HONOLULU, T. H.—Believing the
legend that the sailor on shore leave
is soon parted from his pay, Ameri-
can gobs are putting 20 per cent of
theirs into War Bonds.

No pressure is being put upon the
men to buy Bonds, although the
Navy is trying to sell them on the
idea of systematic saving and on
the good investment offered by the
Bonds. Many of the subscriptions
from seamen are voluntary and
there is no talk of buying Bonds as
a "patriotic duty."

Former Italian Officer Praises U. S. Troops

CAMP BARKELEY, Tex. — The
establishing of a beachhead at Salerno
and the taking of Naples shortly
thereafter was a remarkable feat,
and the difficulty of the job under-
taken by the American Fifth Army
under the command of Lt. Gen. Mark
Clark in its drive toward Rome can
not be overestimated. That is the
testimony offered by a former Italian
second lieutenant who served in that
region. He is Pvt. Renato Poggioli,
professor of Romance languages at
Brown University, Providence R. I.,
from 1939 until the time of his in-
duction last fall at Fort Devens,
Mass. He arrived in the MRTC re-
cently to begin basic training in Co.
C, 61st Med. Tng. Bn.

A graduate of the Scuola Allieui
Ufficiali (Officer Candidate School)
in Salerno, Poggioli served his com-
pulsory tour of duty in the Italian
Army with a heavy weapons bat-
talion stationed about half way be-
tween Salerno and Avellino, and he
says that Salerno was considered by
competent military authorities to be
practically impregnable, even with
hastily improvised fortifications and
hurriedly assembled firepower.



Fort Monmouth Books Read 3 Times Yearly

FORT MONMOUTH, N. J.—Each
book in the Fort Monmouth library,
one of the largest post libraries in
the nation, was read an average of
three times during the past year, an
annual report issued this week dis-
closed.

The report showed that the 38,330
books in the main library and its
branches were circulated 116,522
times. Of this total, non-fiction
books outnumber the fiction variety,
seven to five, showing the prefer-
ence of service men and women here.
There are 14,937 non-fiction volumes
and 10,385 of fiction.

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that losses of bookstock was 1.18
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by high school and college libraries



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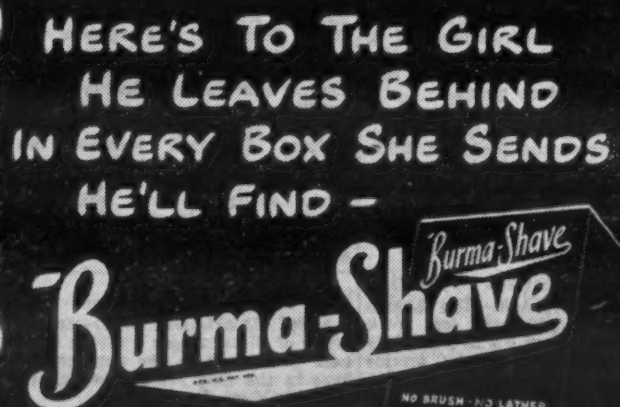
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War Dogs Given Discharges WAG's Will Be Softened Before Returning Home

WASHINGTON — "Bowser" will trot home from war, when the time comes, in his pre-war state of docility and with an honorable discharge certificate similar to that issued his khaki-clad masters, the War Department announced this week.

To assure the return of all K-9 Corps War Dogs to civilian life in the proper frame of mind and assure their welcome as members of communities from which they "enlisted," a "reprocessing" routine has been made an important part of the discharge procedure.

Readjustment Is Quick

The routine is the exact opposite of that followed to fit the dogs for war service. They are petted and become friendly with all the men on a post, rather than the few to whom they were officially detailed in the performance of combat or other war duties. They quickly became readjusted, the announcement said.

Dogs also are given a thorough physical examination before being sent home, and thus are not only in excellent condition but, because they retain the rudiments of their military training, are better equipped to be family pets than ever.

Upon leaving active war duty for any reason, the canine warrior receives a certificate reading: "The War Dog 'Bowser', Tattoo No. 000, having served with the Armed Forces of the United States of America, is hereby awarded this certificate of faithful service and honorable discharge." The dog also is given a service record.

Just as a number of soldiers are being honorably discharged each month the K-9 Corps is releasing certain of its numbers from time to time. This does not mean, however, that the K-9 Corps is being disbanded, according to the Office of the Quartermaster General, through which dogs for all Armed Services are recruited, any more than the discharge of soldiers means the Army is being demobilized.

The occasional release of War Dogs in due to changing conditions which alter needs for various types of animals. For example, blackout regulations in some cases now permit the lighting of industrial plants where dogs had served as sentries. A large percentage of the dogs thus released can be adapted to other tactical needs, but some do not take readily to new duties, and these are being discharged.

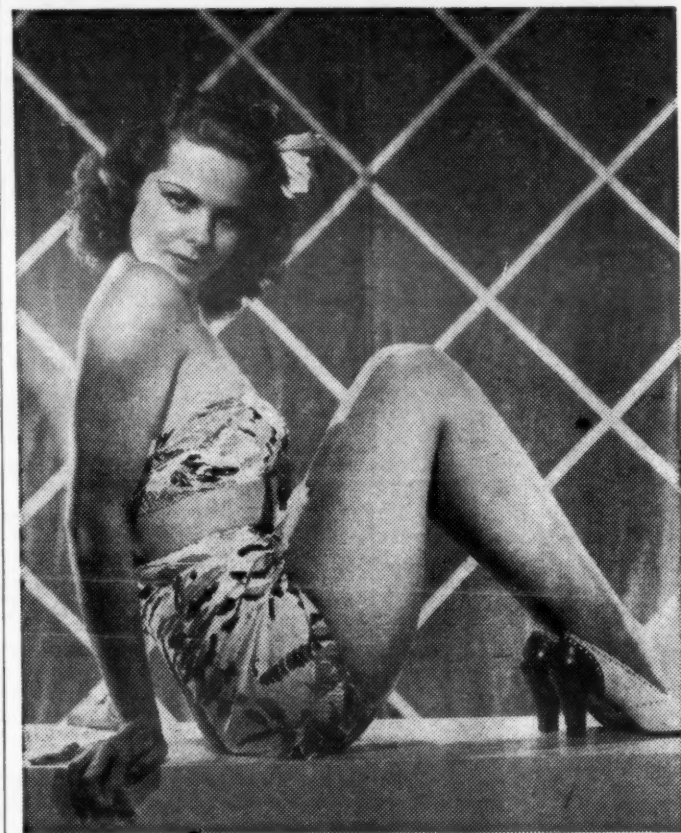
Several Courses Followed

A definite procedure has been adopted by the Quartermaster Corps for handling these discharges. If the donor has indicated on his questionnaire filed with the Dogs For Defense, Inc., the official procurement agency, that he wants the dog back, that is the governing consideration. Otherwise, a different course is followed.

Where no preference is indicated, the second choice is usually to turn the animal over to a military installation as a mascot. But, if the dog is a registered purebred animal and valuable for breeding purposes, it may be assigned to a recognized breed club or kennel. Only if no place is open for the dog in any of these categories, or if it is diseased, it is mercifully destroyed.

When a dog is to be discharged and the donor has indicated he wants it returned, the owner is notified of the contemplated action, given the reason, and asked for instructions as

to shipping, which is done at Government expense. If no answer is received within a specified time, the dog is then ordered treated in the manner considered to be in the best interest of the donor and the Government.



THERE are two classes of GI's—those who read these captions and those who can't see a thing below the knee. If you belong to the first class you'll be interested in knowing the doll's name is Jane Randolph.

Coastal Establishments Are Reduced, Men Sent Overseas

WASHINGTON—The War and Navy Departments jointly announced last week that the military establishments of the coastal areas are being reduced in order that soldiers can be sent to overseas stations where the principal need for them now exists.

However, a considerable number of units will be retained in training for overseas duty but supporting coastal defense and available in case of emergency. Now that the battlefronts have moved further from our borders and we have taken the offensive, it would be a waste of manpower to maintain the same number of troops in this country in static defense positions, it was said.

Meanwhile, the War Department announced that the Central Defense Command has been consolidated with the Eastern Defense Command. Lt. Gen. George Grunert, Commanding General of the Eastern Defense Command, has remained as Commanding General of the consolidated Defense Command, with headquarters in New York City.

Lt. Gen. Lloyd R. Fredenhall, U. S. Army, Commanding General of the Central Defense Command and the Second Army, will remain as Commanding General of the Second Army, with headquarters at Memphis, Tenn.

Consolidation of the two Defense Commands was decided upon to effect an economy in personnel, as well as to simplify the procedures of operation of the commands. The staff of the present Eastern Defense Command will operate the consolidated command, releasing those who have been on duty in the Central Defense Command for other duties.

At the present time, the Eastern Defense Command includes the States of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida

They Go Back to Be Married

FORT HAMILTON, N. Y.—An average of 15 marriages a month have been performed in the post chapel here in the past year, according to Chaplain Capt. Leo R. Fohl.

The chaplain notes that men once stationed here often come back from other camps to have their marriages performed in the post chapel.

Good Reasoning

CAMP CARSON, Colo.—During a recent maneuver of the 71st Division the Third Battalion of the 5th Infantry was inching its way down one of Colorado's famous mountains when Lt. Alex McFadden lost his balance and his steel helmet went rolling down a steep precipice, some hundred feet below.

The lieutenant was berated by a major for not having his chin strap buckled.

Lieutenant McFadden quickly and respectfully replied, "Sir, if my chin strap had been buckled I'd have been right down there with that helmet."

LIFE AT THE FRONT

Reports On Fighting Men
From All Over The World

Getting in Rations

"It's bad enough to go through enemy artillery fire alone," says Pfc. Dale D. Radcliffe, 24-year-old infantry man, of Mona, W. Va., "but to have to yank a mule through it is 10 times worse." Yet drag the mule, loaded with badly needed rations, he did. Right over 200 yards of trail exposed to enemy observation. The mule was hit but Radcliffe unloaded the rations, leaving them near the company area. Then took the animal back, through the fire again, to the mule hospital.

Local Boy Makes Good

CASTERTA, Italy—The citizens of this little town talk of a local boy who made good and then came back to show them how to do it. Sgt. Francis F. Caserta, of Trenton, N. J., operations clerk with the 12th Air Support Command Headquarters wasn't born here. But his father was and went to America just before the boy was born. Both father and son made good, and had been back, before the war, scattering largesse among the townfolk, so that they were well-remembered. Caserta, 20 miles north of Naples, is site of the 1300-room Bourbon Royal Palace, for hundreds of years used by Italian royalty, but now falling into ruins.

Here Comes the Bishop

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY—A private rolled an artillery shell to the rear of a two and a half ton cargo truck, glanced down the road, and then stood in amazement. "Here comes Bishop Gregg," he shouted. The Negro quartermaster crews, their boots caked with pink Italian mud, stood and cheered. At first they stood quietly while the tall, 66-year clergyman of the African church, stepped from his car into the mud of their supply dump. Then they cheered and rushed up to shake hands with him. "Only a few days ago I talked with your loved ones at home," the friendly spiritual adviser said. "I'm here to bring their love to you. They are proud of the record you have made in North Africa, Sicily and here in the mountains of Italy." The day had only begun for the church leader who had been requested by the President to tour United States war theatres in behalf of the 40,000 Negro churches in America.

A Twilight Story

SOMEWHERE IN ITALY—Sgt. Roscoe Strawn, of Idabel, Okla., was—he thought—well out in front of his squad of nine, leading them cautiously toward a German position. It was just after twilight and everything took on an unnatural appearance. Nine figures a little to one side silhouetted themselves against the sky. His squad. This was one time, he thought, he would be justified in bawling the very devil out of them. They knew better than to show themselves like that. Then the light shifted a little and he saw that the nine figures were Jerries, obviously out on the same kind of patrol he was making. A machine-gun, left in charge of two of his men, was back on a little knoll. He scrambled to it with instructions. Then snaked his way back near the German squad. "Let's see what arm and hand signals will do," he thought. He waved them up. All nine rose. And then the machine-gun cut loose.

Surprised Enemies

ON THE ITALIAN FRONT — It was a toss up who was the most surprised, the three Americans or three Germans. The Americans—Cpl. Allen Putney, Jamestown, N. Y., Pvt. Charles Kowalski, Dickson City, Pa., and Private Morales, were on patrol when they heard a shell coming. A brush thicket nearby looked good so they dived into it. After the explosion they stood up. So did three Germans, about 10 feet away. Putney bawled "Hands up," and started shooting when one of the enemy threw up his rifle. When the firing was over one German was dead, one a prisoner and one had escaped. Kowalski had a bullet-hole in the side of his helmet, a scratch on his head. No one else was hurt.

A Mudder at Last

HEADQUARTERS, PANAMA CANAL ZONE—The Coast Artillery Command bestowed on Eddie Cantor, who was very popular in giving USO entertainment in the zone, a title which he had long been waiting for. He was designated a "Jungle Mudder first class," in recognition of his spirit while getting around in the mud at the camps here, and with it went a bolo knife specially made for him. "Now," he said to Lt. Henry N. Erlich, "after becoming a father five times, at last I have the honor of being a mudder."

He'll Cultivate French

NORTH AFRICAN HEADQUARTERS—The girl friend of an Arab sheik wears today the ear-rings in-

tended as a Christmas gift for Mrs. Philip Kerker, of Albany, N. Y., because Captain Kerker couldn't speak French fast enough. The captain visited a silversmith in Algiers and bought a pair of exquisitely made earrings, intending to send them on to Albany. Next day he was guest at a feast given by an Arab chief. In a lull he produced the gift to ask the chief's opinion of it, but his halting French did not make the idea clear and the chief misunderstood his action and took it as a gift to himself. "There was no recalling the gift," Captain Kerker explains, "so I put it down to international unity. The chief suggested he regretted I had not brought four pairs, as he had four women to favor."

Duck Captures Italians

SOMEWHERE IN SICILY — The new two-and-a-half-ton amphibious "ducks" aroused a good deal of surprise when they first appeared in the early days of the invasion here. Sgt. Ralph Trambley, of Milwaukee, tells of driving one, with Pvt. R. F. Shannon, of Franklin, right in front of a camouflaged Italian pill-box on one of the beaches, which did not reveal itself till they were almost on it. The two Yanks opened fire, and a minute later 100 Italians came from somewhere in the vicinity with their hands up. They thought the "duck" was a powerfully-armed amphibious tank.

Here's a New One

ALGIERS—"Don't be a slyg," is the leading line of a poster and radio campaign aimed to cultivate good feeling between different groups of the Allied forces. The word "slyg" was originated by Maj. John Morgan of the Center District Command office of the Mediterranean Base section. It is made up of the first letters of "sucker," "lowbrow," "idiot," and "good-will buster." With it on a poster are listed six words which spell "Victory"—"vision," "intelligence," "courage," "tolerance," "respect." Once in a while incidents crop up between the American, British and French troops here, and behind this is occasionally some strain. It is recognized as being dangerous, so that steps are being taken to show the troops of all three nations that they must cooperate and forget their little differences.

Working Together

SOMEWHERE IN INDIA — While P-40s skim over the field and B-25s roar high in the clouds, and while servicing and minor repairs are being taught on the ground, the men of China and United States are being knitted into an efficient combat team to fight side by side against the Jap in China's skies. When the wing arrives in China it will become part of the Chinese Air Force, but will work in close cooperation with the 14th Air Force. When the decision is made that the Chinese are sufficiently familiar with the equipment and tactics, the Americans in the unit will be withdrawn.

Massed Firing Exercises Conducted by EMs

FORT SILL, Okla.—An experiment was tried by the 422nd Field Artillery Group recently when the group of four field artillery battalions did the firing in a massing of fire exercise, without officers.

The entire exercise was conducted by enlisted men while the officers observed from Mount Hinds, adjacent. The only officers who took part were safety officers at the gun positions and an officer at headquarters to assure that no missions were fired that might result in a mishap. Their presence was required by Army regulations.

The enlisted men not only did an excellent job, proving that it is enough trained men to replace the officers should they under any circumstances in combat become casualties, but they did it under very unfavorable weather conditions, since the crews were faced with cold rain, fog and mud.

Scholarships Offered To Children of Dead Grads

NEW YORK—It was announced last week by Chancellor Harry Woodburn of New York University that for the first time "Gold Star Scholarships" will be awarded to the children of the university's graduates, who lose their lives in the war.

The scholarships will provide four years tuition fees to the children of servicemen who died in action who meet the requirements of admission to one of the university's undergraduate schools. Each will be worth approximately \$1,600.

Some 10,000 alumni of the university are now serving with the armed forces, and of these 200 have already been killed.

Camp Kohler Becomes A Unit Training Center

CAMP KOHLER, Calif.—A reorganization of training at this post last week transformed the old replacement training center into a unit training center, designed to train larger units together for field service.

The principal unit of the new organization is the 840th Signal Training Battalion, which consists of 20 training companies, a headquarters company and four provisional battalion headquarters teams.

In addition the organization will include two separate signal construction companies, the 274th and 276th. Lt. Col. Arthur J. Wehr, formerly executive officer, will command the new training center.

Gen. Terry Allen Gets Legion of Merit Award

CAMP HORN, Ariz.—The Legion of Merit was presented last week to Maj. Gen. Terry ("The Terrible") Allen, for his outstanding service in commanding the First Infantry Division in Sicily.

The presentation was made by Maj. Gen. Alex Patch, commanding general of the California-Arizona maneuver area.

Veterans Get a Break Under New C. of C. Set-up

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Birmingham men returning from military service can now apply for jobs direct to the very highest executives of the companies for which they want to work.

A plan for this grew out of a visit to an Army hospital by J. Frank Rushton, Jr., president of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce. He talked with a wounded soldier, soon to be discharged, who said he wanted a job as lineman for the Alabama Power Co. but didn't know how to apply for it. Rushton fixed that in a hurry by calling the president of the power company who subsequently hired the soldier.

Sixty business men and industrialists have agreed to put in one afternoon each month interviewing service men and making appointments for them to see the presidents of companies. They are not operating an employment agency—they are trying to bring the service man into contact with the person most able to help him—the president of the firm.

Birmingham believes that, while this plan demands extra time from executives, each executive owes it to the men who have spent months or years in uniform. No executive can consider himself too busy or too important to make payments on that debt.

The Chamber of Commerce is enthusiastic about its plan and is presenting it in booklet form which it hopes other chambers of commerce will want to send for and follow through on its suggestion.

Private Calls Signals Enabling Artillery To Score a Bulls-Eye

WASHINGTON—Artillery observation is an exact science about which Pfc. William C. Kelly of Silver Spring, Md., knew nothing, until one day in Italy....

Private Kelly was on observation post duty for his front-line regiment of the 36th (Texas) Division when he spotted some German mortar and machine gun emplacements. He disclosed them by telephone to the regimental command post, reporting also that there was no artillery observer to direct fire against the enemy guns.

Hastily, the Maryland soldier was given instructions and ordered to stand by. A trial round of 105 mm. ammunition was fired and Private Kelly advised the CP of the extent of deflection, employing compass directions—the number of yards the missile was off to the east, south, north or west of the target—in the place of highly technical data customarily used.

The third-trial round hit squarely on an enemy emplacement. Private Kelly's improvised spotting had proved as efficient as that of an experienced artillery observer, the War Department said. Other shells followed, striking the position with "good effect."

'An Authority' On Atabrine, He Proved It On Guadalcanal

NORTH CAMP POLK, La. — It's bitter tasting and it's hard to sweat out the issue line for the stuff, but take it from T/4 Wetsel Ross, atabrine, the army's anti-malaria drug, is sure fire and works just as well as the Medical Corps said it would.

Ross joined the 8th Armored Division's 36th Tank Battalion Service company recently after 22 months in the South Pacific, on New Caledonia and Guadalcanal, as a member of one of the first tank battalions shipped out after Pearl Harbor.

An Authority
The 32-year-old Stiltnier, W. Va., soldier is somewhat of an authority on Atabrine. He's one of the 200 volunteers who braved the worst malaria-bearing mosquito-infested section of Guadalcanal to prove the drug's efficiency.

When the Jap moved south in the Indies, he took over most of the World's cinchona plantations. Cinchona is the source of quinine, specific for malaria. As a result, American quinine stores ran dangerously low and American medicine evolved atabrine as the next best thing.

To test their substitute, medical officers called for 200 volunteers, and Sergeant Ross stepped forward. "If I'd known what I was in for, I'd have stayed where I was," he declared. "It was the roughest week I ever spent."

The 200 men, under command of a colonel, waded night and day for 72 hours through the swamps of the Tuaru river, exposing themselves without mercy to the high flying night mosquito and the low hanging day insect. They went without rest and with very little food, purposely getting tired to be easier prey for malaria. Then they bivouacked at the edge of the swamp without shelter or blankets, just curling up in the mud.

"I never saw so many mosquitoes in my life. I had enough on the back of my neck to outfit a regiment," Ross remembered.

Their only protection was a dose of atabrine each day, just before sundown. And not a one out of the 200 got malaria.

"That's enough for me," the sergeant said. "From then on I was a wholesale drugstore of atabrine. You didn't hear a peep out of me when it came time to take the stuff."

"Some of the boys said that atabrine would make you sterile, but the colonel said there wasn't anything to it, just latrine talk. One of the fellows who got furloughed back to the States a short time later proved it with a baby son."

Review of the News



PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS HIS \$100,000,000,000 WAR BUDGET FOR 1944. ACCOMPANIED WITH THE BUDGET WAS A REMINDER FOR STIFFER TAXES AND A SURVEY OF DEMOBILIZATION PROBLEMS.



THE FOURTH WAR LOAN DRIVE WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED THIS WEEK. THE GOAL TO BE REACHED IS \$14,000,000,000. BUY YOUR BOND TO-DAY!

—Cpl. John Stampone

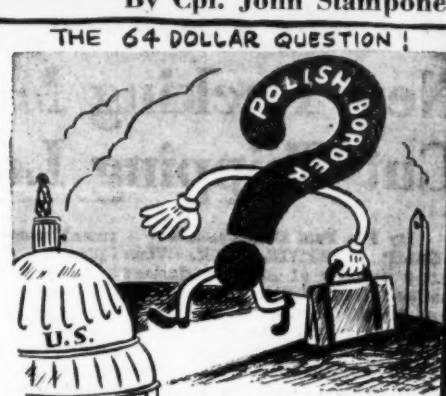


CONGRESS IS STILL DEBATING ON THE SOLDIER'S VOTE BILL... SOME PREFERRED THE FEDERAL BALLOT OTHERS WANTED THE STATE BALLOT.



THE MARINES TOOK HILL 660 AFTER A SEVEN DAY STRUGGLE... THE HILL IS A STRATEGIC POINT ON BORDEN BAY FRONT ON WESTERN NEW BRITAIN.

—Cpl. John Stampone



U.S. HAS ADVISED RUSSIA ITS WILLINGNESS TO WORK FOR RESTORATION OF GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN RUSSIA AND POLAND.



IT WAS OFFICIALLY REPORTED THAT DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER WAS IN BRITAIN TO TAKE COMMAND OF THE ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

—Cpl. John Stampone

AGF: The Week's News of the Army Ground Forces Straight from Headquarters in Washington

HEADQUARTERS, AGF—Officers who reported for duty at headquarters during the past week include Col. Albert S. J. Stovall, Jr., Cavalry, to the Ground Requirements Section; Col. Clifford C. Gregg, GSC, to Ground G-1 Section; Lt. Col. Harry H. Semmes, Cav., Ground G-3 Section; Capt. Robert R. McDonald, FA, Ground G-3 Section; 1st Lt. Henry A. DuFon, AGD, Ground AG Section.

Lt. Col. H. F. Crawford, CAC, AAATC, Fort Eustis, Va., and Maj. Charles F. Hasty, CAC, Antiaircraft Command, Richmond Va., were at headquarters last week, conferring with staff members.

Replacement and School Command
Terming each battle as the opportunity for every branch of the service to coordinate its efforts with all others, Maj. William S. McElhenny told the Women's Patriotic Conference on National Defense that "teamwork" would be the key to success and, the better the team, the nearer the victory.

Speaking before the women's organization at Washington, D. C., Major McElhenny, now assigned to the office of the Commanding General, Field Artillery School, Fort Sill, Okla., explained the importance of the varied units in an offensive drive.

"Operating as a team," he said, "the Infantry clears out the anti-tank guns for the tanks which clear out the machine guns and automatic weapons for the Infantry. Engineers and Infantry lift the mine fields under cover of darkness and the tanks and tank destroyers, utilizing their fire power and flat-trajectory weapons, fire at the flashes of hostile machine guns, thus assisting the Infantry in its work."

"The Field Artillery assists both tanks and the Infantry with its fire power," he said. "One helps the other." Major McElhenny, who was the representative of the Commanding General, 1st Armored Division on Gen. Dwight Eisenhower's staff while the African invasion was planned, spoke at length on that campaign and lauded the work of the WAC and Red Cross. He explained in detail various front-line incidents and had high praise for the Infantry which, he said, now comprises about one-fifth of the Army.

Urging complete support for the Fourth War Bond drive, General McNair has requested chiefs of sections to appoint civilian personnel and enlisted men to act as "Minute Men" to insure that objectives of the drive are brought to the attention of all personnel with a view of increasing existing war bond allotments and the purchase of at least one bond for cash during the period of the drive.

HEADQUARTERS, ANTI-AIRCRAFT COMMAND—Maj. Gen. Joseph A. Green, USA, Commanding General, Antiaircraft Command, and Col. Clarence H. Schabacker, GSC, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, Antiaircraft Command, visited antiaircraft headquarters last week.

Edwards Soldiers Eat 180,000 Sinkers Monthly
CAMP EDWARDS, Miss.—In an effort to satisfy the doughnut desire of camp soldiers who consume an average of 180,000 doughnuts a month, the Post exchange has installed a machine in the Sandwich Commissary which is capable of turning out 80 dozen doughnuts an hour, it was announced by Lt. Col. Clayton M. Ela of Portland, Me., exchange officer.

A second machine with a 40-dozen-an-hour capacity will be installed in the exchange-operated camp sandwich shop in a few days. Both machines are expected to effect a saving of \$800 a month over the purchases from outside sources.

craft artillery units assigned to the Second Army in the Tennessee maneuver area during the past week.

Maj. Gen. Virgil L. Peterson, USA, The Inspector General, visited AA headquarters last week to confer with General Green.

Other recent visitors included: Maj. Gen. John L. Homer, AUS; Gen. Paul B. Kelly, AUS; Lt. Col. Charles H. Scott, CAC; Col. Herman R. Smith, CAC; and Maj. Ralph H. Redford, CAC.

HEADQUARTERS, ARMORED COMMAND—Wooden tank trainers have been devised at the Armored Replacement Training Center to give preliminary instruction in tank driving. The controls are exact replicas of tank controls and are spring loaded to require proper pressure in manipulation. Designed by Lt. Col. John Carusone, the device permits close observation of the trainee, something which was difficult in the close confines of a tank.

Lt. Col. Harold S. Bibb, commanding officer of the 26th Tank Battalion, 16th Armored Division, has left Camp Chaffee, Ark., for an assignment in Washington, D. C. Colonel Bibb has served with the 8th Cavalry, the 1st Armored Regiment, and the Third Army.

The Armored Replacement Training Center, Fort Knox, Ky., has been lauded for its record in the sale of national service life insurance. The ARTC reports 99.5 percent participation in the insurance program, with an average policy of \$9,939.05.

Produce Lard, Shortening At Post, Returns GI Supply
FORT BENJAMIN HARRISON, Ind.—Fort Benjamin Harrison does not claim to be the first installation in the Army to manufacture and produce lard and shortening from carcass fats, but the success of this program there is astounding in that not one pound of shortening or lard substitutes has been issued to the troops stationed there since the first day of December.

Saved \$5,000
Col. Henry E. Tisdale, post commander, reports that during the month of December alone more than 30,000 pounds of shortening, valued at approximately \$5,000 which had been furnished for issue to the troops at Fort Harrison, was released back to the Quartermaster General for issue to troops of field forces and has since been shipped.

This program does not stop with the producing of shortening for use in cooking and baking only, but after all the cooking qualities have been obtained from it, it is then put with other fats that cannot be made into shortening to be salvaged for the production of munitions.

The six mess officers on the post who in turn supervise 22 separate kitchens report that enough fat has been rendered from beef, lamb and pork waste to supply present needs as well as a reserve supply which is being built up for future use.

Electrically Whipped
A point of high perfection with a professional result has been reached by mess sergeants who have adopted the method introduced to them by Maj. George H. Wilson, mess officer at Billings General Hospital, where the rendered fat, a combination of 10 per cent lamb fat with 90 per cent beef or pork, is put into a large container and electrically whipped to produce a fine-grained, fluffy shortening suitable for the finest pastry, cakes or deep frying.

This program has been promulgated under the personal supervision of Colonel Tisdale, post commander, and Maj. C. E. Lyon, Post Inspector and Food Supervisor. Its splendid success has been due to the fine cooperation and diligent work of the mess sergeants and cooks in each kitchen.

Join the WAC, See Your Man

NAPLES, Italy—"Join the WAC and see your man" might well be adopted as a new recruiting slogan by the Women's Army Corps.

It's happened not too infrequently that a WAC sent overseas has been stationed somewhere near her husband and has found him. Most recent instance is the reunion here of Pvt. Charles and Maxine Talley from Crystal City, Tex.

Just as soon as her WAC outfit got settled, Private Maxine got permission to go husband hunting. "When I reached the gate," she related, "the Major was standing there and wouldn't let me by without a pass. But when I told him the story, he laughed, took me by the arm, and said, 'Come with me, we'll find him.'"

Charlie was unloading supplies from a truck when the first sergeant called him to the orderly room.

The Major and the WAC CO got together after the reunion and decided on "three-day passes for the Privates Talley."

And some unsung hero finished unloading the truck.

XXI Corps Moves to Polk

CAMP POLK, La.—The XXI Corps, commanded by Maj. Gen. Frank W. Milburn, has established headquarters at Camp Polk following brief activation ceremonies held here. The XXI Corps has taken over the headquarters formerly occupied by the XIX Corps, which was commanded by Maj. Gen. Willis D. Crittenger.

Unknown Soldier Buys The Millionth Ticket

CAMP GORDON JOHNSTON, Fla.—An unknown GI at this training center is a hero to Capt. Wallace C. Alford, special service officer. He's a celebrity and he's unknown because he bought the millionth theater ticket during the holidays when theater personnel was busy packing 'em in to see the show.

After checking his books for the year, Captain Alford announced that the four training center theaters had sold 1,007,880 tickets during 1943.

At Camp Roberts New Packing Methods Cut Shipping Losses

By Pfc. Paul Deutschmann
CAMP ROBERTS, Calif.—When better packing of Army equipment destined for shipment overseas is done it will be done right here at Camp Roberts at one of the most efficient packing warehouses in the United States, under the direction of M/Sgt. E. P. Duncan, Hq. Det., SCU.

The sergeant, a veteran of more than 20 years of Army service, not only supervises these first-rate packing jobs, but conducts regular demonstrations for officers of tactical units. A score of Army men, including several high-ranking officers, recently went through the warehouse. The group, one of the many which has seen the demonstrations in the several months, was led by Col. R. F. Bartz, director of the supply and service division. The warehouse is under his jurisdiction.

Paid Dividends

Colonel Bartz says the warehouse, put in operations May 1, has paid "more dividends" than any other installation of this type in the supply and service division. It also functions as a school, with a 10-day course of training for officers and men of the Ninth Service Command installations.

Packing the varied implements that a tactical unit must take into a theater of operations is not just a matter of putting tools and weapons into boxes and shoving them aboard a ship, the officers learned recently.

In the first place, hundreds of small metal tools must be specially tested before they go into the boxes. It's a four-step process: First through high-powered solvent, which removes every rust-producing particle. Next comes a rust-preventative "bath," which leaves the tool or metal part coated with a black oily wax.

The waxed tool is then wrapped in special paper, oil-resistant on one side, water resistant on the other. A final coating of paper and the entire parcel is again sealed by a quick dip into a pot of petroleum-base wax. The resulting package is just about impervious to salt water, and the beauty of the improved process is that the tool can be cleaned for use in a hurry. The wax rubs off easily.

Boxes Must Be Stout

But well-wrapped tools must go into stout boxes or all the painstaking work may be wasted. And the stoutest boxes are built at the packing warehouse. Every one is water-proof, capable of floating in salt water for at least 10 days.

A heavy, fibre Kraft paper does the job, and careful construction of the boxes and packing of equipment does the rest. The crate-makers even have to allow for shrinkage of lumber, because the green boards used would otherwise contract and spoil the seal.

Before a GI field stove, or three bazookas, for example, go into their crates, braces must be built in for the stuff to rest on. If any heavy equipment rubbed against the paper, it would soon wear through during the shipment, and again the water-proof quality of the crate would be lost.

The boxes are put together with specially treated nails which absolutely won't pull out. Metal scraps are put around the crates as a last step. The final product, according to Sergeant Duncan, is a box of valuable equipment which will stand up under almost every kind of punishment.

It can be dropped and won't break. It can be dumped overboard and floated to shore by the breakers, and the piece of machinery will arrive in first-class condition.

For range-finders, airplane instruments and other items, the warehouse has a cellulose fibre, soft and tough, which assures that no jars will break the delicate machinery, the Army has a special rust-preventative which doesn't even have to be removed; a variety which can be sprayed on is also used. The new methods are a considerable improvement over the gooey oils of World War I.

Two Streets at Blanding Named For Officers Killed Overseas

CAMP BLANDING, Fla.—Two Camp Blanding streets have been named in honor of Army officers who formerly served here, and who were killed in action overseas. Yerkes Road was named for Capt. Jonathan Yerkes Jr., Inf., of Jacksonville, Fla., killed in Africa April 23, 1943. Captain Yerkes was with the First Infantry Division.

Sutton Street honors Capt. William H. Sutton, Inf., also of Jacksonville, killed in Africa Nov. 9, 1942. Captain Sutton served with an MP outfit here.

ment over the gooey oils of World War I.

Methods used at the Roberts packing warehouse and being put into effect at other Army posts have cut down the loss of equipment in overseas shipment from 40 per cent to 25 per cent. Here there is no loss at all, as far as reports indicate.

The warehouse has a permanent staff of four enlisted men. To do the big job of crating up an organization's equipment, the sergeant draws as many as 100 men from the organization itself. They work under the supervision of his experts.

Sergeant Duncan says it takes about five weeks to pack the equipment of a Field Artillery battalion. And he noted proudly, "We haven't missed a deadline yet." The sergeant is justifiably proud of his record of 100 per cent arrivals on the other sides, testified to by grateful commanders from many units.

New 'Silent' Primer Is Developed For Mark V Grenades

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—By taking the "sound track" off the noisy primer used in peacetime shotshells, Uncle Sam has developed an almost silent primer for his lemon-shaped Mark V hand grenades.

The virtually silent primer enables American troops to throw hand grenades without revealing their position to the enemy.

Development of the hand grenade primer from a shotshell primer, was revealed for the first time this week by Thomas I. S. Boak, works manager of Winchester Repeating Arms Company, a division of Western Cartridge Company, one of the largest manufacturers of the primer.

The hand grenade primer merely sets off a fuse, whereas a shotshell primer, operating under high pressure, must ignite the smokeless powder in a shotshell, Mr. Boak pointed out.

For this reason the "bang" of a shotshell primer has been reduced to a mild "plop" by a revision of the priming mixture formula which contains such potent chemicals as TNT, chlorate of potash, lead sulphocyanide, barium nitrate and powdered glass, the latter acting as the abrasive which produces the spark.



"CANDIE" GETS HER BARS
With those ears, she belongs in AAF

'Candie' Has Her Gold Bars She Took Everything in OCS

CAMP BARKELEY, Tex.—It isn't measured her for an especially-made exactly official, but "Candie" got her gold bars with the other graduates of Class XXIX, Medical Administrative Officer Candidate School, at commencement exercises held here this week, and also set several "records" for herself.

First of her species reported to have gone through officer candidate school, "Candie" never was very clear about her parentage, but it is suspected that somewhere a fox-terrier is involved. The little pooch was found wandering around the school area four months ago when the class started, and it was love at first sight.

Naturally, she had to have a name, and what could be more natural than "Candie" (for Candidate)?

Moved In

Almost immediately, she "adopted" Cand. John T. Dickman, and moved right into the barracks. He prepared a makeshift bed under his own bunk—that could be easily removed in the morning for the daily inspections—and everyone was happy, even the inspecting platoon leaders.

The men became so attached to "Candie" that when the cold weather came they bought her a sweater with "MAC-OCS" on one side and "Camp Berkeley, Texas" on the other. Accompanying the men to class every day, she is reportedly proud of her record of attending all lectures but three. When asked if she had stayed awake during all of them, she refused comment.

Went Through It All

"Candie" did, however, spend the week on bivouac in the field, go through the obstacle course and infiltration course under live machine-gun fire, and even entered the tear-gas chamber. No gas masks were available in her size, but she went in anyway, and learned the value of the mask as every candidate did. "Candie" joined into every one of the 20-odd road marches, but on occasion slipped into the ambulance on some of the longer ones. Then when everyone else ordered his officer uniform, a military supply store

regulation Army officer's blouse.

Lieutenant Dickman will take "Candie" to his home in St. Louis for a well-deserved 10-day leave before reporting to his (their, rather) new post. Everyone feels that the strenuous four months have developed the year-old pet wonderfully. She has grown a full inch. But still her outstanding feature is a pair of ears that nearly drag when she walks. When at last the morning came and graduation exercises were over, WAC Lt. Katherine Weber, of Smyrna Air Field, Tenn., pinned the gold bars on her husband, Lt. Robert L. Weber, of Lincoln, Neb., and then did the honors with a pair of small bars for "Candie."

"Candie" looked down at the bars on her new blouse, and, it is said, smiled.

It Happened Twice

CAMP BARKELEY, Tex.—It couldn't happen twice—but it did! He's just plain terrific!

There were plenty of doubting Thomases around when it was announced that Pvt. Peter William Souvall, 21, whose education is limited to a high school, had scored 162 out of a possible 163 points on his Army General Classification Test. It seems that no one had ever heard of a soldier getting a mark that high, so they decided in the MRTC Classification Office to give the Co. D, 54th Med. Tng. Bn. brain-truster another crack at the test. He scored 162 when he was inducted in November at Fort Douglas, Utah.

So the Salt Lake City youth took the same exam again. The result? Souvall scored a perfect mark—163 out of 163!

Secretary of the Navy Knox told boy scout leaders at Cleveland recently that he believed every American boy should have at least one year of military training when he reaches the age of 17 or 18.

In Italy Infantrymen Crack the Tough Nuts

WASHINGTON—It's the infantryman with his grenades, rifle and bayonet who is blasting the Germans out of nearly impregnable mountain defenses and slowly but surely clearing the long road to Rome, Army Ground Forces observers have reported to the War Department.

The observers, Lt. Col. James C. Mott, GSC, of Union, Miss., and Lt. Col. Perry E. Conant, Cav., of Caro, Mich., have just returned to the United States after spending nearly three months in Italy with an American division.

Tough Nut To Crack

This division, the observers reported, was given a tough nut to crack in the rugged, mountainous area north of the Volturno River. The Germans had prepared defensive positions almost every inch of the way, positions which could be bombed and shelled, but from which they could be driven only at the point of the bayonet. And that's what the doughboys had to do.

"The German positions covered an area about five miles deep," said Colonel Mott, "and were on a series of hills which were progressively higher. Each of these hills had to be climbed, and the fact that each was higher gave the enemy all the advantages of observation. They could see what was going on below and adjust their artillery fire quickly and effectively."

Many of the German positions were dug into the solid rock, and they had spent three or four weeks preparing them. They had brought in power tools and used explosives extensively, fashioning thousands of foxholes and other strong points. The approaches to each position were heavily mined.

"The entire area," continued Colonel Mott, "had been thoroughly charted for artillery fire before the American assault. Furthermore, there was fairly good terrain back of the positions; and, consequently, artillery could be brought up quickly and shifted rapidly. Also, supply was relatively simple for them, while it was exceedingly difficult for our troops. Then, too, these enemy positions were beyond the range of most of our artillery."

"The American infantry would attack savagely and drive the Germans from the positions on the slopes. They would fall back to similar places on the reverse slopes and call for artillery fire. This fire was so intense our men would have to retire and the enemy would return to their former positions by previously reconnoitered covered routes—and the job had to be done all over again."

The weather was another obstacle. During November it rained almost every day and frequently the rain turned into snow. It was cold and foggy. Often at mid-day on the mountain tops the fog was so thick that visibility was limited to five yards.

As the Germans fell back, they left destruction in their wake.

Ranger, Empty Gun Takes 7 Germans

WASHINGTON—One American Ranger plus one empty carbine equals seven German supermen! This simple arithmetic resulted from an experience related by Lt. Col. George L. Descheneaux Jr., Inf., who returned to Washington to report his observations to the War Department, after serving three months with the 5th Army in Italy.

During a reconnaissance mission in the vicinity of Venafro, on the central front, the Ranger found himself separated from his patrol, when he "flushed" a group of seven concealed Germans, explained Colonel Descheneaux, a native of Watertown, Mass. Noting that they were unarmed, the Ranger ordered them to their feet and proceeded to march them in single file to battalion headquarters when he remembered that his carbine held only one round of ammunition.

The Germans' muttering and ominous glances added to his discomfort. "He thought they were catching on," said Colonel Descheneaux. "The Ranger had to show them he meant business. But how? One of the captives made a break for freedom. The Ranger's single shot brought him down."

The message was understood without further elaboration, as the Germans, now sullen and silent, moved forward, never realizing they were being bluffed by a determined Ranger fingering an empty carbine.

Gen. Edmonds Heads Designers

NEW YORK—Maj. Gen. James E. Edmonds, who has been commanding general of Camp Lee, Va., for three years, has been appointed general manager of Dohner & Lippincott, industrial designers.

General Edmonds retired from his command at Camp Lee on December 15.

"Anyone who has hiked in the Big Horn Mountains of Northern Wyoming can get the picture," commented Colonel Conant. "As soon as you get down one mountain you must climb another. It's the toughest country imaginable, and in addition to climbing up and down it day after day, the doughboy still has to fight. And when they do get a chance for a little rest, their foxholes are knee deep in mud."

Infantry Battalion Cited For Taking Tunisian Position

WASHINGTON—The 2nd Battalion of the 60th Infantry Regiment, which seized a tactically important mountain position in Tunisia and then fought off severe counterattacks by a numerically superior force of German infantry and artillery, has been awarded battle honors for its "extraordinary heroism," the War Department announced this week.

The battalion, commanded by Lt. Col. Michael B. Kauffman, Inf., of Laramie, Wyo., formed the spearhead of an attack on April 23, 1943, against the Germans in the vicinity of the Sedjenane Valley. Supported by the two other battalions of the 60th Regiment, the unit took its first objective, Djebel Mrata, sooner than anticipated, only to discover that its position was dominated by Djebel Dardys, a higher ridge overlooking all terrain features in the vicinity.

Continuing its advance, the battalion pushed forward to the higher ridge, where severe counterattacks by a German force, estimated at two battalions of infantry supported by artillery, were beaten off the following morning. The enemy succeeded in penetrating the battalion's dangerously extended defensive positions, but "fierce resistance" prevented the Germans from gaining a foothold, according to the citation. The Germans finally retired, leaving 116 dead, 48 wounded, and a number of prisoners. The 2nd Battalion lost 21 dead and 111 wounded.

"The gallant and intrepid conduct of this entire battalion," the citation states, "afforded a great tactical advantage in seizing and holding the dominating terrain and assisted the advance of our forces culminating in the defeat of German arms in North Africa."

Soldier Wants His Vote, Poll Shows

LONDON—"I can't see any difference between being a citizen at home and over here. If anything, I feel I have more right to vote now than ever before."

This statement from Capt. Carl P. Gels, of Salem, Ore., fighter pilot who was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for action against the Philippines, and now in this theatre, is quoted by Stars and Stripes as "perhaps the best expression of general feeling" on soldier voting.

Stars and Stripes has conducted a poll of officers and men in the European theater and the Middle East. The result reveals very definitely that soldiers want to vote in the presidential election. The question of whether the States or the Federal Government controls the machinery doesn't matter to them. They want to vote.

The average service man, Stars and Stripes found, in emphasizing the fact that he wants to cast his ballot next fall, wants it well understood at home that he doesn't want politics to step in and interfere in any way with his vote.

Sergeant Got The 'Once-Over' Twice

CAMP STEWART, Ga.—Sgt. Frederick H. Brush submitted his resignation to the Governor of Vermont before he was able to enlist in March, 1942.

This was necessary because during that year he was serving his second term as representative from Arlington in the Vermont State Assembly. He lacked nine months of completing his term when he traded his civilian suit for khakis and ODs.

When he assumed his office for the first time as a representative in the lower house in 1939, Sergeant Brush was believed to be the youngest representative serving in a State Assembly in the United States.

"The first day at the induction center was just like the first day at the State Capitol," he said. "Veteran soldiers gave me the once over at the center while at the Capitol experienced politicians awaited my views. I was only 23 years of age then."

Transport planes flying fuel into China burn almost as much going and coming as they can carry in.

Pulling Bouncing Betty's Teeth

THE OBNOXIOUS "BOOBY TRAP" used by the Germans to delay the Allied advance in Italy is a pressure type S. mine, familiarly known to American soldiers as the "Bouncing Betty," because of its ability to "jump" some distance above its emplacement before exploding. These photos show members of an American paratroop battalion locating and removing some "Bouncing Bettys" from the path of their advance. As they proceed a member of a detonator squad sweeps the area, while riflemen stand by to cover him. The mine detector is merely a wooden disc on the end of a long wooden handle. Near the end of the handle is a rheostat. The operator of the detector wears phones connected with the rheostat. When the sweeper passes over a mine it disturbs the magnetic field surrounding it, with a resultant change of tone of the "hum" in the operator's phones.



WITH THE DISCOVERY of a mine, the man operating the detector passes on after having marked the spot. The rest of the squad lie flat on the ground so as to be "under" the explosion if the mine were to be accidentally detonated. One soldier only remains to dig up the mine and make it inoperative.



REMOVING the mine. Notice that it has three prongs which protrude above the ground and explodes when pressure is exerted upon any one of the prongs.

The Cost

The following is a breakdown of United States Army casualties in the various theaters of operation from Dec. 7, 1941, to Nov. 30, 1943, inclusive:

Area	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Prisoners	Total
ASIATIC	151	99	270	139	659
CENTRAL PACIFIC	352	435	5	1	793
(Includes Hawaiian Islands)					
EUROPEAN	1,704	1,610	2,951	3,790	10,055
LATIN AMERICAN	44	4	7	0	55
MIDDLE EASTERN	349	219	631	276	1,475
NORTH AFRICAN	6,840	21,619	2,797	6,478	37,734
(Includes Sicily and Italy)					
NORTH AMERICAN	1,228	1,016	48	0	2,292
(Includes Aleutians and Western Atlantic)					
PHILIPPINES*	1,092	1,720	15,309	13,494	31,615
SOUTH PACIFIC	1,823	5,105	357	5	7,290
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC	1,751	3,222	1,350	303	6,626

TOTAL, ALL AREAS 15,334 35,049 23,725 24,486 98,594

*Includes 12,506 Philippine Scouts.

NOTE: a. 18,041 of the wounded listed above have returned to duty or have been released from the hospital.

b. Of American soldiers taken prisoner, 1,614 have been reported to have died in enemy prison camps, mostly in Japanese-occupied territory.

c. This table includes only casualties reported up to Nov. 30, 1943, a total of 98,594. Since then the War Department has announced that the total has been raised to 105,229, as of Dec. 23.

Drill Sergeants Learn How To Bellow Without Strain

EAST LANSING, Mich.—Hundreds of Army drill sergeants who can bellow out orders without straining their throats can give thanks to a woman for their proficiency. Mrs. Mollie Compere, instructor in the Speech Department of Michigan State College, has put through many a class of men during the past two years another specialized job which has fallen to women during the war. Michigan State campus chosen as one of many college throughout the country where such instruction should be given when the Army Specialized Training program was introduced.

The course in "Execution of Commands," which according to Mrs. Compere might well come under the head of "articulation," is only part of the streamlined course that was originally scheduled for twelve weeks but has often, under the prevailing pressure for trained men, been reduced to eight.

"Army men are often called on to teach groups of others," Mrs. Compere explains, "so expository speech is an important phase of the course." The men are taught to be brief and to say precisely what they need to without wasting words or energy. Each must give practice speeches on subjects such as how to put on a gas mask, how to clean a rifle, how to make and read a map or chart.

Incidentally, "harch" is accepted by the Army as the command for "march" because of the difficulty in enunciating the letter m. And, for the same reason, the "Hup" is substituted for "one" in the famous "Hup-two-three-four" sequence.

Veteran of 32 Years Knows Many Army Greats
FORT CUSTER, Mich.—Generals Douglas MacArthur, Dwight D. Eisenhower and Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., are not just names in war headlines to Sgt. Robert Thomas of the 1621st Medical Detachment here. Assigned to the Department of Military Hygiene and Sanitation at West Point for ten years, Sergeant Thomas either met or served under many of the Nation's present military leaders.

Before he entered the medical department in 1921, this veteran of nearly 32 years of service was in the cavalry and infantry. During the World War he rose from the grade of first sergeant to the rank of captain of an infantry company that was in a combat area for six months.

After the war, Sergeant Thomas returned to his permanent grade of first sergeant. He later transferred from the infantry to the Medical Corps and automatically assumed the status of a private.

"I wanted to join the medics in order to study the care and treatment of gas cases," he says. "I had been gassed in France and I wanted to be able to understand my case better."

Ascension Claimed As 'Most Isolated Outpost'

FORT MONMOUTH, N. J.—A few hundred American soldiers had a big laugh in August of 1942 when they read a magazine article naming Iceland "the most isolated American outpost in the world."

They had a right to laugh, for they were on Ascension Island, a naked dot of lava in the middle wastes of the South Atlantic just revealed as one of the most strategic American bases. It is a volcanic rock about 35 square miles whose importance is equalled only by its isolation.

One of the men who laughed was Chief Warrant Officer Elvaldo Morace, of Long Meadow, Mass., a communications chief there for 11 months now attached to the Provost Marshal's Office at Fort Monmouth.

In Mid-Pacific

He helped train an infantry force which installed and operated all permanent communications equipment on the isle. They didn't know where they were going while en route to Ascension which lies halfway between the downward bulge of Africa and the outward bulge of Brazil.

On August 14, 1942, the day before Ascension Day for which the isle was named, they landed and got their orders:

"You're here to install communications. But more important, you form part of a force which will hold this island at all costs. We're here and here to stay."

Engineers had landed a few months before and were building. There wasn't time to erect barracks; an airfield, roads and defenses were more important. For the initial invasion of North Africa was just one month in the future and the island's airfield would be needed as the midway point for air transports.

Only Two Roads

Rising 300 feet above the surface of the South Atlantic, except for a single mountain, Ascension boasted but two roads and a British populace of 100 when the Americans arrived. On a beach is the only tree on the island called "Cocoanut Grove." There is one small plot of grass. The rest is red volcanic rock.

Mr. Morace's men slept the first night. But for the next 14 days and nights, they worked setting up radio communications, telephones and electric facilities. The 20-mile wind which continually breezes over the island was put to work charging batteries. The men wore steel helmets and carried rifles always. They were constantly on the alert.

In the early months, only the most essential shipping was permitted near the island. When rations started to run a bit short, the men would go fishing. It was too dangerous to swim in the surf.

"Why, you weren't considered a fisherman if you didn't bring back at least one 100-pound tuna," says Mr. Morace. "At night, we'd go down on the beach and capture a few 400-pound turtles and pull them back to camp with a jeep."

Rationed Beer

"We didn't see much of the British who lived in the community called Georgetown because we were too busy. There were five women there—the only five on the island—but they never came outdoors. We did not see a woman for 11 months. When there was beer, each man was rationed six cans a week."

"On New Year's, we had turtle. But when Christmas presents arrived in February, we had a Yule party. The British heard about it and sent over some pork."

One unique feature was the "Ascension Army News," a daily mimeographed newspaper which was out every morning by 7 o'clock. Each morning, a soldier who could take

Morse code would copy the 5 o'clock news broadcast from Station KFS in San Francisco and then mimeograph the flashes.

Ascension has grown today, Mr. Morace's friends write. There are hangers, machine shops, barracks, hospitals, rifle ranges, mess halls, storage dumps and an overnight hostel for air passengers. There are four baseball diamonds and as many outdoor theatres.

"But when I was there," says Mr. Morace, "the place was lonely. Some of the fellows cried once when a boat arrived with mail, but none for them."

"They told us that the British originally picked Ascension instead of St. Helena for Napoleon's exile, but changed their plans. They considered Ascension too lonely."

Soldier's Curiosity Discovers Maps On Dead Hun Officer

WASHINGTON—How the overwhelming curiosity of an American doughboy helped speed the crossing of the Volturno River by troops of the 34th Infantry Division in Italy was revealed this week by War Department.

The story was told by Lt. Col. Perry E. Conant, of Caro, Mich., who spent three months as an observer for Army Ground Forces attached to the staff of the Fifth Army.

"Partly because of the danger from booby traps, soldiers in the Italian war theater are forbidden to pick up souvenirs and are given a course of training in recognition of the traps," he explained.

Colonel Conant continued: "Shortly before the 34th Infantry started to cross the Volturno, our patrols found that all approaches had been thoroughly mined by the Germans. During the resultant delay, the body of a German officer was discovered by one Infantry unit. For a time, the booby trap order and training had their effect, and no one approached the body. Finally, however, one doughboy could resist no longer, and while no one was looking, slipped up and removed the officer's pistol."

"When he got away with this," the military observer said, "he decided to search the body. In the dead officer's dispatch case he found a complete and detailed map of the German mine fields in the area. He turned it over to his company commander, and within a few minutes, removal of the mines had been started."

"Thanks to the accurate information available, the fields were quickly cleared, and the division's advance was resumed with no losses from mines," Colonel Conant concluded.

Railroading Soldiers Lay C. B. & Q. Tracks

CAMP ELLIS, Ill.—A contingent of 60 soldiers of the 1306th General Service Engineer Regiment are not only training for railroad building in theaters of operations overseas, but they are doing a vital war job.

The GI's, under the guidance of 13 experienced hands, are laying from 1/4 to 3/4 miles of tracks a day on the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy RR, living in bunkers and eating in railroad kitchens. They are replacing 90-pound tracks with 110 pounders designed for heavier freight loads.

For to weeks the soldiers learned to use railroad equipment in the shops of the CBQ.

Pity the Poor Censor—He Gets Blamed for Everything

ALGIERS—Of all the men in the Army who are griped and cussed about here, the censor probably comes near the head of the list.

If a man's wife complains in a letter that he hasn't written home for three weeks, he is very likely to sit down and explain: "It's the censors, darling. They are always holding up the mail."

Some soldiers who really write regularly, and whose letters arrive in bunches back home, blame the censor with what is purely a transportation problem.

Maj. Ernst L. Fenchen, Jr., chief base censor, asserted that 99 per cent of the gripes against the censor's work are based on ignorance or misunderstanding.

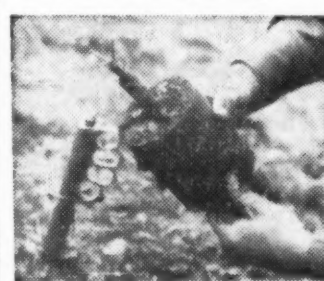
"We try to let everything go by which will not actually help the enemy," he said, "his eyes wandering over a big room where officers

were reading mail at row after row of small tables. "We attempt to give a common sense interpretation to the regulations."

One of the things which has given the censors trouble recently, the major explained, is abuse of the privilege of naming and describing towns the soldiers has seen in moving about the Mediterranean countries. This permission was granted so that the men could make their letters more interesting, but not to give any hint as to his whereabouts at his present station. Repeatedly censors have to cut remarks such as "I got a two-hour pass yesterday and visited Oran," or "I visit Algiers every day, kid."

Some men seem to write, Major Fenchen explains, on the basis of "Oh well, the censor will catch it if I put in anything wrong."

THIS "Bouncing Betty" contains seven pounds of TNT and when set off jumps into the air before exploding.



CLOSE-UP of a "Bouncing Betty."

Entreating Voice!

NEWARK, N. J.—Duty comes first, it appears, for Pvt. Donald Schaffer, Army MP.

At home on leave here, Schaffer jumped out of bed, and then jumped again—out of a second story window.

At the hospital, being treated for bruises, he told police: "I dreamt I heard a call for help and started in the direction of the voice."

In Lonely Outposts GI's Learn to Play Music in 10 Minutes

WASHINGTON—Music has more than "charm" in the lonely Army outposts of the North Atlantic area—and the Army knows it.

That's why, in Iceland, Greenland, Newfoundland and Labrador the Special Services Division of the Army Service Forces is emphasizing music to the extent that soldiers are being taught to play rudimentary musical instruments—by number and in 10 minutes' time.

Morale Building

This is but one of the many phases of Special Services' varied morale-strengthening program, but an important one, the War Department was informed this week by Capt. George S. Howard, who has just returned from a three-month tour of North Atlantic bases to cultivate soldiers' interest in music and musical participation.

Trained music advisers in the Special Services Division have found that the inculcation of musical consciousness among troops of our Army is fostered by teaching them to play small, basic musical instruments.

"Those men will not play in symphonic orchestras, nor do they master bigger musical instruments in ten minutes," Captain Howard said, "but they do learn to carry a tune on the easiest instruments to learn—harmonica, ukulele, ocarina and the tonette, the latter a novel midget clarinet which has become a favorite with our troops all over the world."

Supplementing individual instruction, the Music Section of Special Services distributes to troops booklets of self-instruction along with thousands of pocket-size musical instruments. They have been introduced with particular success in isolated stations where other forms of recreation are impossible during long, sunless winter hours.

Organized Dance Bands

In the Arctic, Captain Howard assisted in organizing dance orchestras, military bands, glee clubs and even "barbershop quartets," all morale-boosters furthered by the distribution of monthly "hit kits," packets containing words and music of popular selections.

Soldiers also are taught to make their own instruments from such readily available odds and ends as cigar boxes, cheese boxes, drums or kegs, bits of wire and paper clips. "One soldier in Greenland," Captain Howard said, "has made one of the finest-toned violins I have ever

heard from a few strands of wire, wood and a little glue." Others in these remote sectors for diversion polish stones found along river beds, and many book-ends and other novelties were sent home as Christmas gifts, he said.

However, music best serves the interests of morale and recreation in lonely areas lacking almost all other forms of diversion, Captain Howard said, explaining the Army's method of speed teaching of music "with numbers."

"In this simplified teaching, the normal approach to music is dispensed with," he said. "The holes on the tonette, for example, are numbered. Those numbers are written in a certain arrangement on a blackboard, and when followed, constitute a simple musical selection. Similarly, in the instruction booklets the words of a song are numbered instead of having musical notes. All that remains is for the player to cover the corresponding numbers on the instrument."

Taught Them to Sing

Captain Howard cited one occasion when he encountered a reluctant group of about 100 GI's. "Working on the supposition that if you can get a group to sing for 30 seconds they will sing for 30 minutes," he said, "I called for 12 volunteers from the audience, none of whom was musically trained. I gave each a tonette."

"In about five minutes the men were playing in unison. Soon the reluctant audience joined in the singing. They sang for nearly 30 minutes. When it was time for the showing of the film that they had come to see, they stamped and howled until the picture was taken off. Then we continued the singing session. The commanding officer told me later that he had tried everything to get those men to sing and had failed."

Tales of antagonism of the people of the Arctic toward American soldiers may have been true years ago, Captain Howard said, but they are not now. Wherever he went, he found United States troops in favor.

"Special Services' activities had a lot to do with this feeling," he said. "The soldiers invite young women of the communities to all social functions and ask them to participate in shows and programs they stage. The residents of the area make up the audiences during such shows and often assist in their presentation."

Marines and Soldiers Have Varied Lingo For Same Things

By S/Sgt. Dick Gordon

(Marine Corps Combat Correspondent)
SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC (Delayed)—"I just got the word," says the marine, when the light of his life goes back on him. "My girl gave me the pink slip," says the soldier.

Even in the realm of broken engagements and unrequited love, the

Marine Corps and Army have different ways of saying the same thing. Serving side by side on this small island, their discrepancies in "slanguage" are as marked as ever.

Fundamentally these variations go back to the marines' use of sea-going terms while the Army sticks to the more orthodox words of the landlubber.

Guardhouse Is Brig.

The marine will say deck for ground, bulkhead for wall, sack for bunk, sick bay for dispensary, brig for guardhouse, scuttlebutt for rumor and boot for recruit. He will say "Let's secure" when it is time to quit work, while the soldier will resort to the more common "Let's knock it off."

Survey as employed in the Marine Corps can be applied to a person when it means someone is being sent back to the States for medical reasons, or to equipment when it refers to damaged gear which is being replaced. The Army has no such all-embracing word and when a buddy is being relieved for medical reasons he is being evacuated. When old equipment is turned in for new, it is being salvaged.

A non-commissioned officer in general charge of his area for the day is a duty NCO in the Marine Corps. In the Army he is a CQ (in charge of the quarters). A GI in Army phraseology, refers to any enlisted man. The Leathernecks use GI to describe a person, usually an officer, who is strictly regulation in every respect.

"On the Cuff"

A man who tries to curry favor with his superiors by agreeing with them or complimenting them is an ear-banger in the Marine Corps. In the Army he is a smoke-blower.

Any transaction made on credit is a jawbone, as far as Leathernecks are concerned, but soldiers call it "on the cuff." The Army says gipped when a man is called down at inspection, but in the marines he is read off.



WHEN ELAINE SHEPARD, RKO starlet, came to Camp Beale, Calif., for a three-day informal visit, 1st Sgt. William R. Anderson, of the DEML section, decided she would be handy as a KP, so here we see him putting the charming motion picture actress to work after mess. Miss Shepard agreed as a gag at first, but then decided to really pitch in and help the GIs who wash the dishes. When she finished, she observed: "KP isn't as tough as it's cracked up to be."

Strong Sense of Smell Needed in Jap Fighting

WASHINGTON—A strong sense of smell, keen eyes and sharp ears are among the deadliest weapons wielded by American troops against the Japanese in the Southwest Pacific jungles, in the opinion of a non-commissioned officer who wears the Silver Star, who was wounded six times, and who considers the Nips "not so tough."

Recently returned to the United States and attached to another outfit, now in training at Camp Butler, N. C., Sgt. Delmar Golden of Mankato, Minn., is giving his new-found buddies the benefit of the vast store

of jungle wisdom he acquired "the hard way."

"The Jap builds a peculiar fox-hole," according to the sergeant. "First he drills a shaft about seven or eight feet deep, straight down. Then he cuts at right angles and constructs a cave holding from 3 to 35 men. He covers the shaft opening carefully and runs a hollow bamboo pole up from the cave for fresh air."

"His diet consists of fish heads and rice, and you can smell a battalion of Japs a good 500 yards away in the jungle country. To search for a Jap," he advises, "put your ear to the ground and you can hear them jabbering, something they seem to do constantly."

"When you find a spot like that," this veteran of 10 months of jungle fighting instructs his listeners, "you try to blow them out with explosives. Some prisoners are taken over there. You always talk to them, and I have yet to meet a Jap officer who could not speak English."

It's wise to sleep "with one eye open," Sergeant Golden warns, for "the Jap likes to attack at night."

"The big job over there is that of reconnaissance, and usually only three men go out at a time—more than that may be too many," he says. "Your best equipment on a 'recon' mission is a good nose, a good pair of ears, and the ability to use your eyes. Another thing, you don't smoke on jungle reconnaissance. Cigarette smoke can be smelled for several hundred yards."

There is no standard method of foxhole construction, he said. "You build the kind you want to."

The sergeant, who was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in a battle on Guadalcanal, admits to having spent two days outwitting the Japs on one occasion, only to have his success boomerang. He was in charge of a detail which succeeded in capturing nearly three tons of canned food from the enemy. They floated the supplies on logs from the Jap supply base, discovering later that they had stolen three tons of fish heads!

Sergeant Golden was wounded in the shoulder by rifle fire three times, was struck once in the jaw and neck by a bullet, once in the abdomen by a mortar shell splinter, and had his leg gashed by a hand grenade fragment.

Colonel 'Busted'

CAMP STEWART, Ga.—Stewart's post commander is now an honorary non-commissioned officer. Col. William V. Ochs has been voted an honorary member of the Camp Stewart Non-Commissioned Officers Club, composed of non-coms of the Service Command, Army Service Forces, and the Headquarters Battery of the Antiaircraft Artillery Training Center.

Hard To Learn American Way After Six Months in Axis Camp

CAMP BARKELEY, Tex.—Still insisting on doing a version of the German goose-step after several sessions of close order drill, Pvt. Frederick Litznski, Co. B, 59th Med. Tn. Bn., was queried by his platoon corporal why he continued to drill in the German manner. Litznski replied, "It's hard for me to learn the American way of marching after having spent several months in a German concentration camp."

Observers Return From Post With Seven Prisoners

WASHINGTON—Assigned to take up observation positions on a high point along the Fifth Army front in Italy, midway between American and German forces in "no man's land," a second lieutenant and a staff sergeant of the Fifth not only accomplished that, but captured and imprisoned seven Nazi soldiers in the process, the War Department reported this week.

"All in a day's work," said 2nd Lt. Paul Doble of Portsmouth, N. H., and S/Sgt. Eugene M. Harjo, a full-blooded Indian from Okemah, Okla., of their feat. It involved crawling 100 yards through heavy concentrations of artillery, mortar and small-arms fire to reach the badly needed observation post, a pile of rocks heaped beside the entrance to a cave.

That accomplished, they stormed into the cave, captured seven startled Germans in concealment, returned them to the American lines, then fought their way back to the cave a second time. They remained there three days and four nights to observe the effectiveness of mortar fire against the enemy. During that period they killed three German snipers and directed mortar fire so ably that their comrades of the 45th "Thunderbird" Division poured more than 800 shells into enemy positions.

Their chief concern was for the "fellows who came out to us regularly with food and ammunition," Lieutenant Doble said. "Those guys are heroes!"

Private Diverts Machine Gun Fire

WASHINGTON—William G. Goebel of Howell, Ind., has been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action during the Fifth Army's invasion of Italy, the War Department announced this week.

On the morning of the invasion, Private Goebel, a rifleman with an infantry regiment of the 36th Division, observed 30 men from his company pinned to the ground near a high wall by intense enemy machine gun fire.

Armed only with his rifle, Private Goebel voluntarily left his cover and with disregard for his own safety, crawled to an exposed position on the flank. Despite the added danger of two enemy tanks in the area, he opened fire on the German machine gun position. This action diverted fire from his unit and enabled the men to cross the wall.

When the last man reached the other side of the wall, Private Goebel ceased firing and joined the group on its advance towards the objective.

New 'Marks Method' Eliminates Trouble

NORTH CAMP POLK, La.—Not a bit of half-track trouble in three months—that's the record in HQ Co., 8th Arm'd Div., since the "Marks Method" was adopted.

The "Marks Method," brainchild of T/Sgt. Jasper D. Marks, company motor sergeant, of Sebree, Ky., utilizes a 150-pound weight with a "T" handle, which spans both sides of the track.

The weight rides in the maintenance truck and when a vehicle is suspected of having loose tracks, the weight is hung midway between the bogie and the rear sprocket. A board is placed along the track. If the weight brings the track more than a half-inch below the bottom of the board, it's time to add more tension. The testing takes less than five minutes.

Sergeant Marks made his weight by begging salvage lead from the division salvage heap, melting it in an old bucket and inserting a length of pipe while it was still molten.

Use Tower to Study Camouflaged Village

CAMP CARSON, Colo.—Members of the 606th Engineer Camouflage Battalion know how their camouflaged "French village" looks from 10,000 feet overhead, even though they weren't able to obtain an airplane to take a look at it.

Ingenious GI's of the 606th's Company A built a tiny replica of their combat training village, complete to the smallest detail including soil texture. Then they studied their camouflage experiments from the top of a 40-foot tower, looking through the wrong end of a pair of binoculars. Thus, although they were only 40 feet up, they got the effect of being 10,000 feet in the air.

After they had successfully camouflaged the miniature, they duplicated their work on the full-sized village. Supervising the project were Lt. Nary L. Strickland, company commander, and Lt. Arnold Ganges.

Maj. Harry Reinke Is CO Of New Consolidated Unit

BALTIMORE, Jan. 18.—Consolidation of military personnel in the Baltimore area into one service unit, the 1300th, and appointment of a Headquarters Commandant to administer the unit and to serve as Provost Marshal of the city were announced this week by Third Service Command Headquarters.

Brig. Gen. Philip Hayes, Commanding General, said Maj. Harry A. Reinke, of Baltimore, had been named to the important new post, and would take over, in addition, local internal security duties, operation of the Headquarters motor pool, headquarters supply and service activities and functions of the Post Engineer for Baltimore and vicinity.

Has Demonstrated Firing To Half Million Troops

EAST ALTON, Ill.—Demonstrating what can be done with the fast-firing service weapons of today, Claude Parmelee, Western-Winchester exhibition shooter, has given demonstrations before more than a half-million Army troops in the last six months.

The trip covered major Army posts along the Atlantic seaboard, from North Carolina to Maine. Western-Winchester officials have received many letters from commanding officers asserting the demonstrations had proved incentives to the men.



VERSATILE Topkick Justin Martin accepts the trophy for being the outstanding athlete from Col. George B. Dany, CO at Hondo Field, Tex. Sergeant Martin played end on the champion touch football team, captained the post basketball team, ran second in the ping-pong tournament and played left field on the Comet baseball team. He also spent some time in the orderly room.

Sports News Important To Men On Bougainville

Calibre of Sports Slips but Turnstiles Still Click

WASHINGTON—"That fish went have lost men to the draft and industry since the season ended. Right now the Senators have just four so-so ball players for the infield, two reserve catchers, a fair hurling staff and a good outfield. Manager Ossie Bluege is seriously

In combat zones the fighting men talk in sports terms, are interested in all sporting events and are worried for fear sports will become a wartime casualty.

Sgt. Charley McKenna, writing from Bougainville, presented a case for the continuation of sports by reporting that "men actually worry about sports and its future in the States."

Sergeant McKenna visited a field hospital and talked to a sergeant, who had just lost his arm as the result of a shrapnel wound.

Okays Musial

"Hey, Mac," said the sergeant, "wasn't I lucky, another inch to the right and I would have been a goner." When told that Stan Musial of the Cards had won the most valuable player award, he remarked, "Heck, I knew he'd get it. They couldn't have chosen anyone else and still been fair."

On another occasion McKenna was in a foxhole with four marines. The Japs were 200 yards away.

"Did you see any pro football this year?" one marine asked. "See the Chicago Bears or the Washington Redskins? Boy, ain't they wonderful. You can't beat that Sid Luckman and Sammy Baugh."

Father John Patrick Murphy, the parmarines' padre, substantiates the sergeant's contention. Father Murphy said he was positive that the men's main interest was sports. "The soldiers, sailors and marines out here don't worry too much about changes in our national scene nearly so much as they do about the future of sports."

"So Please . . ."

"Sports is the life blood of these men—the connecting link between them and the United States they left months ago. So please, back home, don't let them sever that link," Sergeant McKenna begs.

Baseball will be played this summer in the major leagues according to the leagues' officials but it won't be the high-class ball the men remember. The Yanks, Cards, Tigers, Senators, in fact all of the teams

considering pulling on a glove and patrolling the hot corner this coming season.

The rest of the teams are in about the same shape—although Connie Mack hasn't offered to play as yet. The game will be played, however, with youngsters, old-timers and 4-Fs.

Financially Successful

Pro football enjoyed a successful season financially and the brand of ball played was fair. Next season may be a different story with Sid Luckman and other stars in the service.

Basketball teams, supplemented by Navy and marine players, have been playing bang-up ball. The few pro teams in the country have been affected by the draft but the drawing power always remained in the high school and college circles.

The few big time golfers out of uniform and able to obtain leaves from industry have been attracting good crowds as they drive and putt for War Bond prizes.

A few barn-storming service hockey teams are threatening to steal the thunder of the pro leagues. The class of play has slipped but the old pocketbook hasn't been hurt.

As long as men and women in the services can obtain leaves and permission to play top-notch amateur tennis will be played.

The beak-busting business has been seriously effected by the draft every place but in the cash registers. Some strictly ham-and-eggers are cutting the main event purses—but SRO signs have been hung by promoters in almost every city in the nation. Only the lightweight division offers any great national appeal.

The grunt-and-groaners are playing to packed houses with run-of-the-mill contestants. There aren't any Strangler Lewises or Jumping Joe Savoldis around but the fans pay to see a show and the wrestlers are getting to be better actors even though their wrestling ability is absolutely nil.

Rucker Recognized The Bleacher Voice

THOMASVILLE, Ga. — Philip Dorn, Hollywood movie star, Ace Adams and Johnny Rucker, New York Giants, are the possessors of hand-lettered parchment scrolls given them by the patients in Finney General Hospital.

The presentations were made by Col. Samuel M. Browne, commanding officer, in behalf of the patients the three men entertained.

While entertaining the patients one man remarked to Rucker that he often sat in the bleachers in centerfield and watched him play.

"I thought I recognized your voice," Rucker laughingly replied.

It's a Flyer's Life for Billy's Kid for Keeps

COLUMBUS, Ohio—Maj. Billy Brooks Southworth, back home from bombing Nazi-occupied Europe, made known an important decision today.

The 26-year-old son of Manager Billy Southworth of the St. Louis Cardinals said that piloting a Flying Fortress had lured him from baseball and he definitely had decided upon aviation as a post-war occupation.

"Since my hands have gripped an airplane stick they don't care so much about holding a baseball bat," he explained. "I once had ideas I might continue in baseball, either as a player or else with the idea of some day managing a club as Dad does, but from now on I'm just a fan."

Despite his Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with Three Oak Leaf Clusters, the debonaire Air Corps officer still is known throughout the baseball world as "Billy's kid"—the youngster who made a good record during his four years as an outfielder in the minor leagues.

"He hasn't changed a bit," Papa Southworth remarked as his son enjoyed his first leave in fifteen months of aerial combat duty.

Major Southworth, describing his

first raid in 1942, said: "I felt just like a rookie ball player going into the Yankee Stadium for the first time. We were outnumbered and outweighted and it was just like standing up there at the plate and watching three fast ones whiz by."

A SERGEANT in the Army, a former hat-designer in New York and Hollywood, has turned out a new spring model—a bonnet modelled on the lines of a Spitfire plane.

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Observer Reports:

Front-Line GI Isn't Guessing War's End

WASHINGTON — The front-line American soldier who voices an opinion on how long the war will last is rare, and few of them evince interest in anyone's views on this question, according to a report to the War Department this week by Lt. Col. Lewis A. Riggins, GSC, of Camden, N. J.

The average GI knows that the end depends largely on his doing his own job, and he is doing it efficiently and without complaint, Colonel Riggins declared.

Gleaned from two and a half months' observation of American Army Ground Forces in Italy, Colonel Riggins' report furnished a broad picture of the life of the American soldier on the Italian front. He found that among the things which do interest the GI are the following:

Prohibition On Minds

Thoughts of Home: Troops are eager to hear whether civilians back home are getting enough to eat. They are interested in rationing, and specifically what foods are rationed. The possible return of prohibition is a live topic.

Food: Canned rations issued in the front lines are always material for conversation. Our troops like to use captured small German cook stoves. They have learned to produce a syrup for flapjacks by boiling certain types of hard candy in water.

Gifts: The most welcome is a pair of heavy wool socks.

Rumors: These travel at record speed. It has been discovered that motor parks are key places in the rumor route because the drivers cover so much territory in the course of their duties. On one occasion a report that white bread would be available in the front lines the next day was intentionally planted in a motor park. Long before the bread was delivered, all troops concerned knew it was on the way.

Mail: Mail is being delivered promptly and read eagerly. Christmas packages generally arrived in plenty of time for the holiday.

No Need for Building 'Better Mouse Trap'

CAMP CAMPBELL, Ky.—If the Army's quartermaster can't supply requisitioned items they'll send a reasonable facsimile, at least that was proven recently to the 20th Armored Division quartermaster, Lt. Col. Kent Lane.

Colonel Lane placed an order with the Camp Campbell quartermaster for 100 mouse traps to rid the division warehouses of mice. The requisition went through all the necessary channels and it was later returned to the colonel with a notation attached which said:

"Sorry, we are just out of mouse traps, but we are sending you one of our best tom cats and we are positive it can do the job just as well."

And the quartermaster wasn't kidding because tabby has done a swell job of moving the mice from the warehouse.

Convalescing EMs Wil Get 'Training' While Recovering

FORT MONMOUTH, N. J.—Under a new mass reconditioning program recently inaugurated here Signal Corps soldiers who are convalescing in the hospital will continue their technical and physical training for as long a period of their convalescence as possible.

Patients at the hospital are placed in one of three classes. One group gets its lessons while still in bed. A second goes through limited physical exercises and goes to classes. And a third, who are able to perform more extensive exercise, go to school for longer periods. The men pass from one class to another until they are able to return to full duty.

ROTC Rifle Matches

FORT DOUGLAS, Utah—Seventy-two ROTC teams will participate in the 1944 Ninth Service Command Intercollegiate Gallery Rifle Matches, the Headquarters of Maj. Gen. David McCoach, Jr., Commanding General of the Ninth Service Command, Army Service Forces, at Fort Douglas, has been informed.

Competition will be held in three distinctive divisions—senior, junior, and junior units in essentially military schools. Total scores will be based upon the four types of firing—prone, sitting, kneeling, and standing.

"Stars and Stripes" and unit newspapers are delivered to the troops along with rations.

Clothing: A clothing - rotation plan has been adopted which sends dry, clean clothing to the front lines for exchange. During an actual engagement there is, of course, little time for clean clothing, or hot food.

Weather: Temperature during recent weeks in the area in which Colonel Riggins was stationed stood at about 35 degrees. It was like "living in a wet icebox," however, because the rain let up "only a couple of times each day." Roads were extremely muddy, and where there was traffic the surface had been churned until it resembled "a chocolate milk shake."

Front-line "Emily Post": Front-line troops remain politely aloof from anyone not in front-line action. One simply does not "borrow" anything from the front-line soldier because he has lugged all his own equipment, water, rations, cigarettes, himself, and deserves to have full use of them. Anyone offered a small item, such as a patch to clean a rifle, may be considered a "member in good standing." One would not, however, ask to borrow a patch from a front-line fighter.

Health: The physical condition of troops is excellent. They are able to advance over terrain which appears impassable only because of their superior condition. For mountain fighting, troops should have a physical standard enabling them to march four miles in 40 minutes with a light field pack.

Enemy Respected

The Enemy: His fighting ability and thoroughness are respected. He will prepare as many as ten different fixed positions for tanks, firing and moving to alternate positions to keep from being "pin-pointed" by our artillery. Tanks will fire at a single man, apparently on the theory that more are probably in the area. The enemy tries many types of camouflage. He will move entire trees and wire them into certain positions to conceal a road. He also recognizes the efficiency of road building by American troops and makes bulldozers a primary target.

U. S. Air-Ground Teams: These are entirely satisfactory. Most bombs are dropped beyond the sight of American troops, but soldiers are encouraged when friendly flights pass over the lines.

Antiaircraft Artillery: Superior. "Ack-ack" units are well trained. Crews have the "feel" of their guns, and keen competition ensues when the enemy appears. Frequently from 20 to 50 per cent of the enemy planes are shot down on raids over our lines.

Medical Units: "A beautiful job" is being done by these units. Stretcher bearers move up with the Infantry, constantly expose themselves to enemy fire, work tirelessly for long hours aiding the wounded. In some cases, medical troops have had to make eight-mile round trips with litters over treacherous terrain.

In this way the sudden change from hospital life to full Army duty is eliminated.

Those in the first stages of convalescence get knots and ties, aircraft identification, sewing and darning, field-wide splices, map reading, organization of the Army, cryptography, lessons in chemical warfare and 30 minutes of calisthenics in bed. These are "Red Patients."

"Yellows" And "Greens" The second group are "Yellow Patients." The third group of "Greens" are in the "graduation" class, with a "go" signal back to complete health.

Although the program is new at Fort Monmouth, members of the medical staff already see high dividends from it. They note a reduction in the period of hospital care, a decreasing percentage of readmissions and generally a marked improvement in the morale of all the patients.

Understatement?

MOSCOW—A division that cannot be divided is the latest innovation in the Nazi army.

Recently Soviet soldiers captured one lone German, asked him where the rest of his division was located.

"Here," replied the captive. "I'm the division."



PICTURED during the combined Airborne and Troop Carrier maneuvers near Camp Mackall, N. C., are (left to right) Maj. Gen. Gilbert R. Cooke, Commanding General of the 12th Corps; Brig. Gen. Leo Donovan, Commanding General of the Airborne Command and director of the maneuvers; Brig. Gen. Frederick W. Evans, Commanding General of the Troop Carrier Command; and Brig. Gen. Ridgeley Gaither, Commandant of the Parachute School, Fort Benning, Ga. Being questioned is one of the 6,000 airborne troops landed by parachute and glider during the initial operation of the maneuver. —AAF Photo.

Maneuvers Demonstrated Air-borne Possibilities

CAMP MACKALL, N. C.—Combined Airborne—Troop Carrier maneuvers at Camp Mackall have indicated that an army combat force can now be provided ready to fight and stay in action in a manner not possible before developments of the Airborne activities.

That is the opinion of Brig. Gen. Leo Donovan, Commanding General of the Airborne Command. "The use of airborne parachute and glider troops," he said, "has proved practical and effective. The elements of speed, surprise and striking power, combined with the transportation of ground forces by troop carrier aircraft, has produced an Army combat force never before possible."

General Donovan directed the recent maneuvers with Brig. Gen. Frederick W. Evans, Commanding

the Troop Carrier Command, acting as co-director.

To Test Ability

The operation was designed to test the ability of the two Commands in assembling, transporting, landing and air-resupplying an entire airborne division to a limited area and then testing whether the combined forces could operate effectively as a combat force.

Approximately 6,000 airborne troops were landed, including fully equipped Infantry, Field Artillery Engineers, Signal and Medical aid men. In addition to ferrying airborne troops, the Troop Carrier Command coordinated their efforts with a provincial tactical air division which supported the airborne attack by bombing and strafing highway and railroad bridges to isolate the entire area in which the invasion forces landed.

Troops Re-Supplied

The combat troops landed with enough equipment to operate for two days. They were re-supplied with ammunition, gasoline, food, medical supplies and other materials necessary for a tactical operation by the Troop Carrier transports shuttling back and forth between the battle area and supply dumps which were located in strategic spots and camouflaged against enemy attack.

Although weather conditions included rain, snow and freezing temperatures, the maneuver was a tactical success.

Enlistments Start Post-Holiday Rush

NEW YORK, N. Y.—With the end of the holidays, and the discarding of such announcements as the Springfield, Mass., poster urging WAC recruitments to relieve men "for more active cuties," enlistment in all the women's branches of the armed forces has stepped up.

Recruiting officers said that although total enlistments for both the WAC and the Army Nurse Corps will be below the quotas set for 1943, there had been a steady improvement since early December, with a sudden increase in the last few days of the year. They believe the mid-December lag was due to volunteers wishing to spend the holidays with their families.

Although the actual quota for WAC recruits in 1944 is 190,000, Colonel Hobby announced that the Army would like to have 400,000. The quota for the Women's Reserves of the Navy is 91,000.

Glen L. Martin to Produce \$1,000,000,000 Worth of Planes

BALTIMORE, Md.—An announcement this week by the Navy that an order had been given for 20 Mars-type flying boats to the Glenn L. Martin Aircraft Co. sets up that firm for the greatest production year in its history.

Glenn L. Martin, president of the company, announced shortly after the Navy order had been placed that the new contract would mean that the firm would produce approximately a billion dollars worth of planes this year. This figure was compared with a total production value of 650 millions in 1943 and 337 millions in 1942.

To meet increased demands between 5,000 and 6,000 additional workers will be hired between now and late spring.



SCOTT FIELD, Ill.—For the first time in two years, an EM basketball team from Scott Field will be tested by outside competition when the Flyers, an all-star five, clashes with the Missouri State Guard team of St. Louis.

NAPIER FIELD, Ala.—Will anybody stop the service fives? The Napier Field Gruffies remained among the few undefeated quints in the country by winning their tenth and eleventh victories recently. Sgt. Harvey Swodoba leads the scoring attack with a total of 156 points.

CAMP WHEELER, Ga.—"As ambassadors to the world of sports, they were tops—a clean, hard-playing, well-knit outfit," the Spoke reported in its summary story of the year, naming the Spokes baseball team's win of the national semi-pro championship as the outstanding event.

CAMP HANAN, Calif.—Four fights, four victories—in one night! This is only part of the record of Sgt. Milton C. Ashford. He has fought 89 fights, won 74, with 35 kayos. He fought the four fights in a tournament with one at 9, one at midnight, his third at 1, and the final at 4.

CAMP CLAIBORNE, La.—The 3rd Provisional Training Regiment five had tough luck the other night—the hoopsters lost a ball game. Losing a game isn't particularly strange, but after 15 straight wins it came as a jolt to the high-flying five. The 3rd Provisionals were the villains.

CAMP STEWART, Ga.—It's now known as the Stewart Hunting Lodge. During the past season 10 bucks were bagged, a number of quail and wild turkeys shot on the 281,000-acre reservation. There are an estimated 2,000 deer, 500 to 1,000 turkeys and innumerable quail on the grounds, plus trout, bass and other game fish.

HONDO FIELD, Tex.—It was trophy night at Hondo Field, and with pretty WAC Pfc. Lauretta Thomson doing the honors for Col. George B. Dany, the athletics awards for the year were presented. Over 1000 WACS, EMs and officers attended the sports banquet.

LINCOLN FIELD, Nebr.—One-man team they're now calling Pvt. Reece "The Goose" Tatum following his exhibition recently. Tatum hit the netting for 50 points as he led the 604th Training Group to an 85-16 win over the 915th QM team.

FORT DEVENS, Mass.—It took one of the top teams in the East to write finish to Fort Devens' eleven game winning streak, but the powerful Dartmouth Green hoopsters did the trick, 75-55. It was a bitter contest during the first half, but in the second frame the Green hoopsters went ahead to stay.

DREW FIELD, Fla.—Truett "Rip" Sewell of blooper-pitch fame was the feature attraction at a big, 11-star show of baseball celebrities here. Rip told how his lazy, floating pitch won 21 games for the Pirates last season.

CAMP CAMPBELL, Ky.—Winning seems to be a habit in the 20th Armored Division. The 20th AD hoopsters have won seven straight games against all comers, while the 20th Tank Battalion has rolled over ten straight victims. Both teams are looking for big-league opposition.

KEESLER FIELD, Miss.—The most popular sport of the Air-Wacs at this station is bowling. Every Thursday evening the women soldiers take a few inches off the waist lines by bowling against EM teams.

WASHINGTON—A team representing the Army won the contract bridge championship of the Federal Bridge League in a series of matches which ended January 11. Thirty teams participated in the tournament.

NORTH CAMP POLK, La.—Green-shirted 36th Battalion tankers plunged the 8th Armored Division touch football league race into a three-way tie by smashing the undefeated 18th Tank Battalion eleven, 6-0.

The logbook of "Wee Willie," an old B-17 being rebuilt at Rome, N. Y., showed that the ship had been flown 1,534.50 hours since it had been delivered in April, 1941. It is estimated that the ship has flown at least 240,000 miles.

Column of Poets

Oh, What a Horrible Morning!

Oh, what a horrible morning,
Oh, what a horrible day,
Gosh how I wish it was evening,
'Cause I'm on KP today.

Oh, the dishes are stacked in the sink
And the onions they make my eyes wink
The potatoes piled high
Nearly reach to the sky
And the garbage pails
Oh how they—Phew-Hoo-Hoo!

Oh, what a horrible morning,
Oh, what a horrible day,
Boy, am I glad it is evening
I pulled my KP today.
—Pfc. Joe Schneider in Ft. Niagara
N. Y., Drum.

A Dream of Tomorrow

Spring is upon us, my darling, today,
And where is the rhymer with nothing to say?
When robins are singing and sweet-scented air
Tangles the gold of his lovely one's hair.

The windows are open and all thru the room
Comes beautiful music, the prelude to June.
Light rustling notes that come from the blue
Are playing a seasonal tribute to you.

And everything, everywhere seems to be gay,
And where is the rhymer with nothing to say?
When April has promised that distance shall be
The dawn of tomorrow for you and for me.

But, love, I am dreaming of spring and its song,
My hands are entangled in righting a wrong,
The fields here before me are shattered with shell
Uprooting the vines that were planted in hell.

Sometimes I can see you before me, my dear,
And I start from the ground in a terrible fear
Then the vision is gone and I sigh in relief
From knowing you're far from this valley of grief.

Each letter you send me, each word that you pen
Brings me ever from now to a beautiful When
As each cannon's harsh roar, and the drone of each plane
Is a stern sort of promise of meeting again.
Edwin A. Wall, Troy, New York.

I Have My Memories

I have my memories of you,
And when I hear Death laugh
In the red days ahead . . .
In the black nights to come,
I shall recall your face,
At it looked up at me;
I shall see the question
In your eyes, and your lips
As they formed your heart's hope.

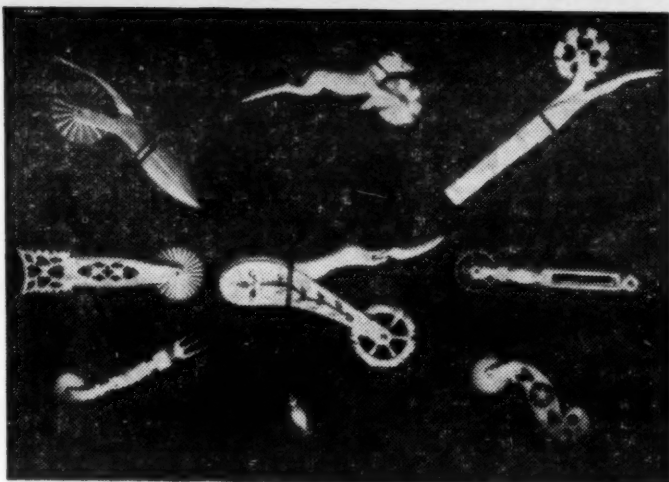
I shall have courage then,
For I will know that all
The red days and black nights,
And Death's grim laugh will fade
Into oblivion
Beside the shining light
Of prayers and hope and love.
I know these things are true . . .
I have memories of you.
—Cpl. Robert M. Dougherty.

Accomplished GI Handles Typewriter and Duck

CAMP GORDON JOHNSTON, Fla.—Master of two machines is T/4 Frank A. Thompson, motor sergeant of the 820th Amphibian Truck Company; Frank handles the big army "DUCK" like it's a baby, and on his other machine, a typewriter, Frank has won third place in a national amateur typing contest at the New York World's Fair in 1939, and was winner of the Inter-City Typing Contest of Baltimore and Washington in 1942.

During a recent informal test in the Army Service Forces Training Center Public Relations Office, Thompson beat out "Now is the time, etc." to the tune of 157 words per minute, even though he was out of practice and using an unfamiliar and aged typewriter.

His unique idea of typing in perfect military rhythm was perfected after prolonged practice. The cadence of a drum beating varied martial music is imitated and tap dancing is simulated on the keys.



MAJOR CLARK'S SCRIMSHAW

Lower center is a tear urn

—Signal Corps Photo.

Officer Wants to Preserve Specimens of Scrimshaw

CAMP EDWARDS, Mass.—Preservation in New England of outstanding examples of scrimshaw—hand carved utensils and objects of art made from the teeth and jawbones of whales by Cape Codders in the whaling days—is the object of Maj. Eugene Clark, camp purchasing and contracting officer.

A descendant of John Alden, Major Clark is a resident of Sandwich, Mass. He became alarmed at the fast rate at which scrimshaw was disappearing from this area and decided to pick up as much as he could. He has collected nearly 500 pieces and hopes eventually to turn them over to a Cape Cod marine museum yet to be built. He believes his collection combined with those of men collecting kindred material would fill a museum.

Artistic Handicraft

Scrimshaw articles are antiques and they are artistic examples of handicraft. The jawbone and the teeth of a whale look very much like ivory, the major difference being that the grain in ivory takes a circular course while it runs lengthwise in whalebone.

One of the most attractive and rarest items of scrimshaw is a tear urn, in which sailors kept the tears of their loved ones. They have caps that screw on and they were turned out on crude foot-powered lathes aboard ship.

Whalers' Work

Major Clark's collection numbers between 450 and 500 pieces. These vary in size from the small urns to painted whale teeth, which weigh three and four pounds. He has one narwhal tusk which weighs 17 pounds. The work on the teeth is mute evidence of the long hours the whalers had to while away on their trips.

In most cases they would let the teeth dry thoroughly. Then they would carve or scratch out some picture or design. After this they would paint them, many times with paints they made from the substances they collected on the strange isles of the South Seas.

The major's collection includes such items as needles, spoons, knives, forks and similar things. The old New England whalers were a practical lot and most of the things they made were for use rather than for decoration.

Jagging wheels are an important item in the Clark collection. These are wheels carved from jawbone in varied patterns so that if they are run over pie or cookie crust they leave a border. Major Clark has 47 jagging wheels.

One of the most intricate articles turned out by the men who made scrimshaw were contrivances called "swifts." These were umbrella-like devices upon which yarn could be spread so that it could move swiftly be pulled apart. One "swift" owned by Major Clark has 98 spokes in it and each one was carved by hand and the whole affair was assembled by hand.

For many years the major could not find the origin of the word

Offers Prize For Hymn Tune

WASHINGTON — Composers among personnel in the Army may be interested in a competition arranged by Monmouth College, Monmouth, Ill., in which a prize of \$100 is offered for a hymn tune set to a lyric version of the Eighty-fourth Psalm, suitable for congregational singing. The composition may be written either in unison, or four-part harmony, and in either a four-line, or an eight-line tune. The award will be made next May.

A copy of the special version and other particulars may be had from Thomas H. Hamilton, Director of the Monmouth School of Music, carried by 93 per cent of the division.

scrimshaw. Several years ago, however, another man doing research on the great days of whaling met him and told him that in the South Seas the island natives have a word meaning handwork which is pronounced so that it sounds like scrimshaw. The major and others well schooled in whaling lore feel sure that is how the word came to be used to describe the things the sailors made out of the jawbones and teeth of the great sperm whale.

Ready On The Right . . .

Asked whether he would consider running for Louisiana Governor or Senator, Gen. Claire Chennault, an enthusiastic hunter, said what he'd really like to be was a game warden. The State took him up on it, and appointed the general a full-fledged game warden in his native Tensas Parish.

In an Ogden, Utah, divorce court, a husband "yessed" his wife's claims to nearly all their property till she demanded the mutt dog they owned. The court granted him the dog, saying "Every man should have some love, even if it is only the love of a dog."

British Gen. Sir Frederick Pile, Commander in Chief of the Anti-Aircraft Command, was much impressed with Yankee generosity last week. Taxiing through a blackout with two Americans privates, he rejected their offer to pay the fare on the ground that he was their senior. "You may be," agreed the GIs, "but it's on us. You don't get as much pay!"

Shortages in the supply of peroxide available for civilians are resulting in a 50 per cent decline in blondes, say San Francisco beauticians. They also revealed that it takes a lot of time and attention to remain in the platinum class, and war keeps women too busy to "fuss."

An Italian-born illiterate in Bayonne, N. J., convinced a selective service commission that he had not known there was a war on and that therefore he had not registered for the draft. He was released without bail.

Fresh water appealed to a hog being trucked across a river bridge near Annapolis, Md., and he jumped in. The herdsman chaperoning him said he last saw the pig swimming downstream about two miles from shore.

Clandestine copies of the Nouvelle, a Lyon, France, paper are passing from hand to hand throughout that country. Although the usual Vichy propaganda and German communiques were set up, a clever substitution of actual war news was made at the last moment, and most of the papers were sold before the police discovered the change.

In Passaic, N. J., a 17-year-old boy was so badly frightened by the backfiring of a car that he jumped backward through the window of a delicatessen. Fortunately, he wasn't hurt.

Panther Division Men Set Insurance Record

CAMP ROBINSON, Ark. — Sixty-sixth Panther Division soldiers, now in training in Camp Robinson, Ark., have established another record, this time in the purchase of National Service Life Insurance. The division lacks only 1.2 per cent from having a perfect score.

According to an announcement by Maj. Gen. H. F. Kramer, commander, 98.8 per cent of the division's enlisted and officer personnel have bought NSLI. The maximum of \$10,000 is

GIs Use Fancy Tricks To Remain In Hospital

CAMP STEWART, Ga.—The Captain was a little sore up today, because a certain Private he sent to the hospital this A. M., to interview a nurse, did not return until late in the P. M. But what is a Private to do when the meets up with a very pretty doll-in-white, such as Lt. Mary Nypaver, who bends his ear with tales of interesting cases and romances and also gives him a few tips on the fine art of goldbrick-ing, as practised by soldiers who love the hospital so much that they wish to remain there for the duration.

Right from scratch, Lieutenant Nypaver would like you to know that she would much rather attend to soldiers than civilian patients. Soldiers almost never holler for attention and are always very polite. However, they do resort to a variety of tactics in order to remain "at ease" in a nurse-infested ward.

Makes It Jump

One of the most common practises of GIs is to give their thermometer the hot foot. This is done by placing a cigarette or match near the thermometer, or dipping it in hot water, causing the mercury to jump to such a point that a new, unsuspecting nurse will think the soldier is about to go over-the-hill for keeps.

Another dodge the hospital lovers use is the Oh-How-It-Hurts-Me expression. A soldier wishing to establish a permanent residence in a ward will confront a doctor or nurse and begin twisting his pan into a grimace that would frighten the Shadow. It sometimes takes quite a thorough exam before the medic is sure that the soldier in pulling a fakeroo.

Face Tripped Him

Once, during such a performance, a soldier's face tricked him. While registering pain, a beautiful nurse passed by and he could not keep admiration out of his eyes.

Girls interested in joining the nurses might like to know that they are being furnished a complete wardrobe, including a new, snappy olive drab uniform and that officers are always asking nurses for dates.

The nurses have quite a lot of fun kidding the amorously-inclined officers who call. A nurse answering such a call, often pretends she is a chaperon and makes the officer give his height, weight, tell what sports he likes, give character references, etc. After the officer is thoroughly jittery, she asks whether he wants a tall girl or a short girl, a blonde, brunette or red-head. The officers are not too fussy by that time—they will settle for anything feminine, providing it can dance. Many such dates have turned into romances and quite a few in marriage.

Besides her nursing duties, Lt. Nypaver also teaches Corps Men the fine art of Surgical and Medical

nursing. These Corps Men, who are soldiers, do a great part of the nursing in Army hospitals, relieving the Army Nurse of all heavy work.

It is quite a job to teach these men all the details of nursing in a few months and sometimes Nurse Nypaver has trouble with slow students. Recently, she spent several hours trying to teach a Corps Man how to make an "ether" bed. His mind seemed to be wandering so she finally scolded him. The soldier hung his head.

"Pardon me, Miss," he said, "pardon me for the duration."

Dear Captain: After the interview, your man could not resist wandering through the corridors, because of the moving scenery, such as the beautiful tootsies. (A "tootsie," Captain, is what pugilist Maxie Rosenbloom calls a nurse.)

Today, sir, the Pvt. has a severe pain in his egospiclis triunda and shoulda stood at the hospital.

You Get Just So Scared, Then It Doesn't Bother You

NORTH CAMP POLK, La.—Hints on how to get along on the battlefield were given soldiers of the 8th Armored division's 88th Cavalry Reconnaissance squadron by a Reconnaissance veteran of the North African campaign.

Speaking before officers and NCO's of the squadron, Lt. Col. Charles J. Hoy, commanding officer of the 81st Armored Reconnaissance battalion of the 1st Armored division, parent to the 88th, told of the battles of El Guetar and Kasserine Pass.

For the soldier who has not received his battle baptism, the colonel suggested:

1. Don't worry about being frightened. "You can only get so scared. After that it doesn't bother you."
2. Make every shot count. "Ammunition is precious; so don't waste a round."
3. Keep your weapons clean. There are times at the front when you do nothing but wait. Those are the times to inspect your weapons. Keep them clean."
4. Keep yourself clean. "A beard doesn't make a soldier. If you are hit, there's less chance of infection if your clothing and your skin are as clean as you can keep them."

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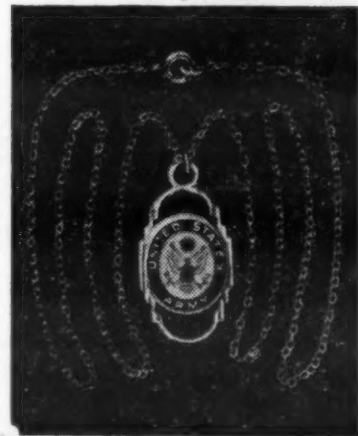
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Army Quiz

(The questions are based on information and statements in the report of Gen. H. H. Arnold to the Secretary of War, which was published in Army Times January 8. While the answers are given on page 15, further information regarding them can be obtained from the Report itself.)

1. The Air Forces Ferrying Command was established in May, 1941. In recent months the average mileage flown per month in ferrying operations has been—

- A. 200,000?
- B. 2,000,000?
- C. 12,000,000?

2. The Air Service Command sends out, for every pilot overseas, not including food and other items handled by the Quartermaster Corps, an average of how much aviation supplies monthly?

- A. Nine tons?
- B. Three tons?
- C. Five tons?

3. With the tremendous expansion of the Air Forces it was anticipated that the number of accidents per 1,000 hours flown would increase. It did slightly.

True? False?

4. Twenty thousand WACs are serving at United States air fields and bases. How many different jobs are they employed in?

- A. 50?
- B. 200?
- C. 850?

5. In September, 1940, a number of the Navy's destroyers were sent to Great Britain in exchange for bases in the Caribbean. This was advantageous to the Air Forces because—

A. It created greater prestige with our Allies?
B. It provided advanced airdromes for overwater operations?
C. It gave us additional United States territory?

6. The number of enemy planes destroyed in aerial combat by American planes, in the period from February, 1942, to October, 1943, was in what ratio?

- A. Two to one?
- B. Four to one?
- C. Five to one?

7. The Air Service Command's 300 warehouses contain as many items as are listed in a Sears-Roebuck catalogue.

True? False?

8. In recent months, the WASPs with the Air Forces have taken over various new duties. One of the most important of these is which of the following?

A. Loading bombs on planes?
B. Supervising the oxygen apparatus on combat planes?
C. Piloting planes which tow targets at gunnery schools?

9. In one day in October, 1943, the Air Transport Command made a record delivery of materiel, munitions and supplies to one theatre of operations. This totaled how many pounds?

- A. 260,000 pounds?
- B. 426,000 pounds?
- C. 680,000 pounds?

10. General Arnold asserts one method of flying is "often the airman's best protection." Is this—

A. Diving out of range?
B. A tight formation?
C. Coming at the enemy from below?

(Answers on Page 15)

Who'd Blame Him?

CAMP CAMPBELL, Ky.—Cpl. William Malloy of the 20th Armored Division would have been on his way to an Army Specialized Training school somewhere had it not been for the slip of the pen.

The corporal's application was disqualified when it was discovered that he wanted to study science at Vassar, one of the nation's leading girls' schools. "You can't blame a guy for trying to get ahead, can ya," moaned Malloy.

'Just Suggestin' Leads To Improvements on Gun

CAMP DAVIS, N. C.—By "just suggestin'," M/Sgt. Dennis L. Mayo, of the Anti-Aircraft Artillery School here, has become responsible for many improvements on the .50-caliber machine gun and is recognized by his superior officers as the outstanding authority in anti-aircraft artillery on that hard-hitting weapon.

A veteran of World War I and with 26 years of service, Sergeant Mayo modestly claims that most of his suggestions were made "after I got a busted finger working on the gun." Invariably, his suggestions have led the way to vital improvements which, he has contributed. For his outstanding work, he has received official commendations from many officers, including high-ranking Army generals.

Star Spangled Banter



Movie Stuff

MGM's "Random Harvest," starring Greer Garson and Ronald Coleman, has been adjudged the number one picture of 1943 by The Film Daily, following its twenty-second poll of motion picture critics, editors, commentators and columnists to determine consensus as to which were the "Ten Best Pictures of 1943."

Others in the top flight are: 2. "For Whom the Bell Tolls"; 3. "Yankee Doodle Dandy"; 4. "This Is the Army"; 5. "Casablanca"; 6. "The Human Comedy"; 7. "Watch on the Rhine"; 8. "In Which We Serve"; 9. "So Proudly We Hail"; 10. "Stage Door Canteen."

A theater featured its double feature on the marquee with the following:

"Pin-Up Girl"
"Meet Me in St. Louis"

Though he was about to kiss her, they both wore masks—Flu masks.

He was George Sanders, while she was Virginia Bruce. They were rehearsing a kissing sequence for RKO Radio's spy romance, "Action in Arabia."

And Director Leonide Moguy was minimizing the danger of production delays through illness, for this was during the Flu epidemic.

Pleased with the rehearsal, Director Moguy then said:

"Now, take off your masks and we'll play the scene for the camera. But, remember; do as I said."

When the scene was concluded, Moguy beamed.

"It was so good that, maybe, that is the way to play all kissing scenes."

While kissing, Sanders and Miss Bruce had held their respective breaths.

Air Marshal Goering promises the German people all over again that Allies will never bomb Germany in Columbia's "None Shall Escape."

Background of the dramatic denunciation of Alexander Knox as a Nazi Gauleiter by his brother, Erik Rolf, being sent to a concentration camp, is a Nazi party banquet speech by Goering, seen in the background. The speech was actually transcribed from the Air Marshal's boastful declaration.

Army Out of Tule Lake

WASHINGTON—Return of the Tule Lake Center to full civil administration was announced this week by the War Department and the War Relocation Authority, following reestablishment of peaceful conditions within the center.



By Pvt. Charles Cartwright, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

The Mess Line

If I do most of my writing in taverns, that makes me a joint editor, doesn't it?

To my Helmet—
Little rounded piece of tin,
Stop the bullet, if you kin.

A woman who fasted for 62 days
To prove the stunt could be done
From hundreds of Scotchmen got
Letters of praise

And proposals from seventy-one!

Every lassie loves a laddie coming
through with rye.
"Isms"

Socialism—You have two cows.
You give one to your neighbor.
Communism—You have two cows.
You give both cows to the government
and the government gives you
part of the milk.

Fascism—You have two cows. You

keep the cows, give the milk to the government
and the government
sells part of the milk back to you.

Nazism—You have two cows.
The government shoots you and takes the cows.

New Deal—You have two cows.
The government shoots one cow,
milks the other, and pours the milk
down the sewer.

Capitalism—You have two cows.
You sell one and buy a bull.

This I declare,
I am standing pat on;
Headquarters is where
Hindquarters are sat on.

Some girls in slacks go to extremes
And live away beyond their seams.

There was once a man unique
Who imagined himself quite a shique.
But the girls didn't fall
For the fellow at all
He only made twenty a wique.

Radio Roundup

Bunk Fatigue Programs: (Monday, Jan. 24, through Saturday, Jan. 29, inclusive.)

MUTUAL (all times are CWT): Monday—8:30 p.m., Paul Winchell and Jerry Mahoney; 9:30 p.m., Adventures of Bulldog Drummond; 11:30 p.m., Lew Diamond's Orchestra. Tuesday—7:30 p.m., Pick 'n Pat Time; 9 p.m., Eddy Howard's Orchestra; 12:05 a.m., Jimmy Joye's Orchestra. Wednesday—9:15 p.m., Arch Ward's Sports Review; 11:30 p.m., Ran Wilde's Orchestra. Thursday—7:30 p.m., The Human Adventure; 9:30 p.m., Swing's the Thing. Friday—8:30 p.m., Double or Nothing; 9 p.m., Boxing, Beau Jack vs. Sammy Angott. Saturday—8 p.m., Chicago Theatre of the Air.

NBC (all times are EWT): Monday—7 p.m., Fred Waring in Pleasure Time with Victory Tunes; 8:30 p.m., The Voice of Firestone; 9:30 p.m., Dr. I. Q. Quiz Program. Tuesday—6:15 p.m., Serenade to America; 9 p.m., Mystery Theatre. Wednesday—7:30 p.m., Caribbean Nights; 8 p.m., Mr. and Mrs. North; 10 p.m., Kay Kyser's College of Musical Knowledge. Thursday—8 p.m., Maxwell House Coffee Time, with Frank Morgan; 9:30 p.m., Joan Davis-Jack Haley show; 9:30 p.m., Bob Burns, the Arkansas Traveler. Friday—7:30 p.m., Tropicana, musical show; 9 p.m., Waltz Time; 10:30, Colgate Sports Newsreel, with Bill Stern; 10 p.m., Amos 'n Andy, comedy team. Saturday—6:30 p.m., Three Suns Trio; 8 p.m., Able's Irish Rose; 9:30 p.m., Can You Top This? 10 p.m., Million Dollar Band.

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Last September 21, Kate Smith, singing star of the Columbia Broadcasting System, went on the air for the full day, breaking into virtually every program on the network, in a plea for the purchase of War Bonds.

On Tuesday, February 1, Kate Smith again goes on the air for the entire day over the full CBS network, this time to sell bonds in the government's Fourth War Loan drive.

Kate hopes to surpass by far the amazing total of more than \$39,000,000 worth of bonds she sold last fall.

February 1 has been designated "Kate Smith-CBS War Bond Day." Kate will report for duty at 8 a.m. EWT, when the network opens, and remain by the mike until the network closes down for the night, at 1 a.m. of February 2.

Pickin' Up Papers

Only GI baby contest we've heard of in a long time is that sponsored by the "Northernner" of William Northern Field, Tenn.

It seems that Sgt. Lawrence O'Donnell, editor of the "Northernner," was asked to settle a dispute between two proud GI papas on the subject of their offspring. Being on the spot, he decided to publish the pictures of the two babies, and let the soldier population pick out the winner. He was even more on the spot, though, when every other father on the field wanted to know why his baby wasn't given a front-page spread, so O'Donnell went out the back door by sponsoring an all-field baby contest.

A neat mimeographed job is Fort Niagara's "Drum." In addition to clever drawings and cartoons which are executed with a high degree of mimeographer's skill, it features in its January 8th issue a Special Map of Spies, complete with mean first sergeant, dental bridge, and gold-bridged.

Deaths, Deaths and Anniversaries

The Eighth Armored Division's 88th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron at North Camp, Pa., La., announces a new publication, the "88th Echo," of, by and for GI Joe, the ordinary guy in our outfit," according to the masthead statement. Also noteworthy is that this paper will be printed in purple ink. Good luck to you, fellows.

A final edition of the Normoyle Ordnance Depot, San Antonio, Tex., "Normoyle" appeared on January 1st. The editors stated that it was being inactivated "due to the changeover from Ordnance to Air Forces."

One candle on the cake for "GI," issued at the New Cumberland, Tenn. Recreation Center. It has been a good job of growing in its inching up from the mimeograph stage to a six-page printed affair.

The "Convoy," Camp Rucker, Ala., has an officer of its own called the "Advisor." The "advisor" has a staff of his own, called the "editor."

"editor" has an assistant of his own called the "associate editor." The "associate editor" has a genie of his own called "Yehudi." Looking over Yehudi's shoulder, as he sat pounding his typewriter, drooling, this is what he was seen writing:

ONLY 1/4 To Go
I'm not a Section Eight, not quite,
I say it most emphatically!
Methinks that phrase is very trite,
And much too mathematic.

But if you like such "digit speech,"
And think it's "what it oughta,"
Please pardon me, I'd like to screech,
"I'm seven-and-one-quarter!"

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- Mrs. John Carey (Oma Dell) (Capt.)
- Mrs. Edwin Core (Katherine) (Capt., MC)
- Mrs. Quinn M. Corley (Helen) (AC)
- Mrs. Renda D. Denson (Rosemary) (Lt. Col., AC)
- Mrs. George Ford (Dot) (Col., CAC)
- Mrs. H. F. Hanson (Ruth) (Col., Inf.)
- Mrs. T. R. Hottenfeller (Clara) (Lt.)
- Mrs. Clarence Hudson (AC)
- Mrs. Homer Hutchinson (Sarah Sue) (Lt., CE)
- Mrs. C. Y. Jackson (Maj., Inf.; deceased)
- Mrs. Vinnie Jeffress (Stella) (Lt. Col., MC)
- Mrs. W. D. Kimble (Betty) (Maj., CAC)
- Mrs. George Litman (Emily) (Lt.)
- Mrs. Fred Magers (Sally) (Maj., Cav.)
- Mrs. John R. McGinnis (Col.)
- Mrs. Mark McLean (Col., CAC)
- Mrs. John Montgomery (Helen) (Col., Inf.)
- Mrs. George O'Connor (Hope) (Lt. Col., FA)
- Mrs. (Marian) Salisbury (Lt., FA)
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(See "Army Quiz," page 13)

1. C.
2. A. General Arnold says nine tons.
3. False. General Arnold says that in the year ending June 30, 1943, the accident rate was reduced from .739 to .716 per hours flown.
4. B.
5. B.
6. B.
7. False. Warehouses carry 500,000 items. Five times as many as in the Sears Roebuck catalogue.
8. C.
9. C.
10. B.

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